

# The Journal

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## Sierra Club won't join cardroom suit

By Greg Hugunin

AKLAND—In a surprise move which left related and others shaking their heads in the Sierra Club voted Monday night to not join its involvement in the Albany cardroom suit in exchange for a full environmental impact report on the proposed maximum 150-gaming facility at Golden Gate Fields.

proposed cardroom undergo full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in exchange for the club's promise not to file an advisory, friend of the court brief supporting an upcoming appeal of the lawsuit.

The agreement, which represents a complete about-face from the club's earlier position on the issue, left many cardroom opponents less than thrilled.

"I respectfully say thanks but no thanks," said Bob Outis, attorney for Citizens for Responsible Government, the group responsible for the lawsuit.

Another cardroom opponent, Bob Sullivan, was not so polite. Calling the agreement "a piece of crap," Sullivan threw it to the floor and had to

be threatened with expulsion from the meeting before he quieted down.

Cardroom supporters, on the other hand, were practically beaming with joy as a motion to table the agreement for a month failed to be seconded and the deal was quickly passed.

"It's pretty clear now that the CEQA issues are disposed of," said Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, whose letter request to the committee's Jan. 8 meeting set in motion a month-long lobbying campaign by both factions in the debate which culminated in Monday's agreement.

The agreement, written over the weekend by Norman La Force, chair of the club's legal committee after being contacted by Brodsky last

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## Guitar Center moving to El Cerrito storefront

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — One of El Cerrito's larger vacant retail spaces will soon re-open, with a new business and a brand new look. The Guitar Center has received approval to open a store in the empty building and it may be just a matter of weeks before the change is made.

For years, fabric lovers patronized the corner of Eureka and San Pablo avenues, first shopping at Yardage Fair, then House of Fabrics, when the larger chain bought out the smaller.

When House of Fabrics began downsizing, El Cerrito was one of the stores to close; the privately-owned building has been empty for almost a year.

The Design Review Board approved the project at its Jan. 7 meeting, after preliminary design review.

"The new store doesn't require a use permit, because it's still a retail use," said city planner Ed Phillips.

The board did, however, consider a variety of design issues in connection with the project. The Guitar Center plans to remodel both the interior and the exterior of the existing building.

"There was a lot of discussion as to how to make it more attractive from the street, showing there's something going on in the building," said Phillips. Display panels are planned on the San Pablo side; awnings and lighting will draw attention to the window displays.

The brick building will also be painted white during the renovation, and trees will be planted in front and back.

House of Fabrics used only its parking lot entrance off Kearney Street; The Guitar Center will use the Eureka Avenue entrance giving it better access from San Pablo Avenue.

One issue may require further review. Phillips said the board has

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Swimmers were literally jumping for joy at the pool's reopening.

Chester King Vets

## Making a splash in El Cerrito

The El Cerrito Swim Center reopened on Monday, after completing improvements to the facility. The Americans With Disabilities Act compliance project was completed thanks to a donation

by the El Cerrito Access Group and the Friends of El Cerrito Pool advisory group. Outside swimming in the 80-degree heated pool is one way to keep your fitness resolutions.

Lap swim hours are Monday,

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call the 24-hour voice mail message, 273-9096, for hours and fees. Specialized swim lessons are available on a private-lesson basis; times are set on your schedule.

One-on-one lessons for adults who fear the water, triathlon workouts, stroke mechanics, cross-training workout plans and much more are offered. Call 215-4375 for information.

## Students take advantage of job program

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito High School senior Eboni Taylor was the first student to take advantage of a job-shadowing program co-sponsored by the El Cerrito Rotary. After visiting Full Circle for several hours two weeks ago, Taylor is thinking work as a choice might be an exciting choice.

Taylor was shadowing Jane Del Simone, who is serving as Rotary president this year. She was the first classroom of students who will shadow El Cerrito businesses in upcoming weeks, getting first-hand experience into how Rotary members spend their workday.

The Rotary is co-sponsoring the program with the county's Regional Occupation Program. Marialyce Romeo teaches in various high schools as part of the R.O.P.; Taylor is in her Computer Business Applications class. R.O.P. classes teach a wide variety of skills, from Radio Broadcasting to Auto Repair to Computer Assisted Drafting.

According to Romeo, the orientation of the R.O.P. is different from the traditional "vocational" programs, often geared toward students not heading to college after graduation.

"These courses are an excellent way to prepare for college or to gain skills for immediate employment," said Romeo, adding that the "practical skills" taught in her own computer class can be of real help to any college student.

The idea behind the program,

she said, is "the more skills, the higher paying the job."

"Students (take the classes) to learn skills, whether for employment or for education."

Taylor is taking a second R.O.P. class, Computerized Accounting. She is planning to look for a job in the field; in the meantime, she's learning about bookkeeping, journals, generalized ledgers and spread sheets, skills she hopes will impress a potential employer.

"I think it's nice kids get a chance to learn more skills," she said. "We're learning the same skills for free in high school that adults have to pay for."

The shadowing program offers students even more practical insights into a specific field of interest. At the end of the quarter, Taylor

will share with her classmates some of the realities of the travel industry.

"She learned quite a bit about the job market — that there are tons of jobs in San Francisco compared to the East Bay, for example," said del Simone. "She learned that computers are owned by different airlines; they offer the same information but require different codes. And she learned that, these days, everybody is specializing."

"That's the direction in which the travel industry is moving now. You have to have one specific thing to sell, whether it's cruises or group tours. Eboni was also able to do some brainstorming on the things she likes to do."

"I also did some hands-on work,"

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Student Eboni Taylor (center) is working with Jane Del Simone (left) and Marialyce Romeo.

## Albany sets its sights on redefining city goals, objectives

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The city council looked into its future last Saturday morning and saw Albany's future on the right track to becoming the best of all cities.

The occasion was the triennial brainstorming session to examine, adjust where necessary and update the city's Goals and Objectives. In answer to facilitator Richard Hughes' question, "If you could accomplish five things, what would they be?" councilmembers assembled a list of 25 goal-setting

was put on the front burner. The goal is to fully implement a Youth Master Plan currently being put together by a specially appointed task force. The council plans a community-wide effort strongly linked to outside jurisdictions, including the state and federal governments.

The continuing goal to enhance economic development in the city should not be just to "make money, but have a positive impact on the quality of life" (according to Councilmember Robert Good). The goal should be to "spread the tax base evenly and not be dependent on one source" (Councilmember Thelma Rubin).

Plans to spark the economy center on upgrading San Pablo Avenue and Solano Avenues. Low-cost housing on the site of Villa Motel, development of UC Village property on San Pablo and moving auto businesses to an area near the freeway were mentioned as elements in

the goal of turning San Pablo into a busy urban boulevard.

The goal of preserving and enhancing the city's natural open space would be attained by opening up Cerrito and Codornices creeks to pedestrian and bicyclists and purchasing the remaining undeveloped land on Albany Hill. To that end, the council has proposed a fund of over \$6 million, to be accrued from as yet undetermined sources, to buy the land from private owners.

Councilmembers did not take up in depth the suggestion of observer Jerome Blank that 11 privately owned acres on the west side of the hill, which he said would make "beautiful homesites," should be excluded from the purchase or his suggestion that the \$6 million expenditure should be approved by the voters.

The goal to "get the cardroom off the plate so we can resolve the Bay Trail and other waterfront issues" (Rubin) was bypassed as a topic because the matter is "in the courts."

Councilmember Bruce Mast favored support of a "diversified transportation system with an emphasis on transit, bikes and pedestrians." He suggested building a mini-BART station at Solano and Key Route and a ferry landing at the end of Gilman Street. Councilmember Elizabeth Baker favored an increase of smaller, or electric, buses over BART which she called "overrated and overfunded."

The council vowed to continue to foster communication between city government and the citizens by wider dissemination of information. The city now has

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## Test your memory with Crosby trivia

You can't possibly qualify as an old-timer if you don't have some sort of memories of the late Bing Crosby. Your memories may not be of the best and, if so, you may be excused, but you are probably in a very small minority of people, say, 60 years and older.

Let's go back to about 1934. I was doing a bit of plain and fancy necking with an amazingly beautiful brunette in her family's living room. The radio was on, playing popular recordings, and all of a sudden on comes a disc of Bing Crosby singing (of all tunes) "Ave Maria" — the one Marian Anderson did so well.

I let go of the brunette, gasped, and pronounced — nay — pontificated, "Oh-oh — that's the end of Crosby's singing career. He's had it. What the Hades does he think he's doing?"

It didn't take another 40 or so years to prove me wrong.

In fact it was during the next few years that the airways were full of songs written by Harry Barris, played by Gus Arnheim, and sung by Bing Crosby that were overnight hits — like "If I Could Be With You One Hour Tonight," "Thanks," and others. They're still being played as classics in some circles.

In fact, it was about that time that we began to hear stories of Bing's bout with Demon Rum — tales about his passing out and falling off the stage. I never

## Remembering When

By Bill Paul



checked them out, but there was a period where he lost some of his popularity, but that was all gained back in radio, movie, and eventually TV exposure.

But you're a real old-timer if you can remember where and how Bing got started on his climb to fame. It was in the early '20s when Paul Whiteman's orchestra started making the difference between jazz and dance music — introducing almost a symphonic touch to popular, danceable tunes.

His recording of "Whispering," in which he introduced the slide whistle, was an immediate hit, and the flip side, featuring "Japanese Sandman," was, as far as I can remember, the only disc recording that ever contained two big hits.

Well, it turns out Bing was a member of the Whiteman group, but I couldn't tell you what he played. So was Harry Barris, and I don't know what he played either. So was a third musician whose name I can't even remember.

But these three guys got together and formed a trio called the Rhythm Boys. Whiteman gave them the chance to try their luck with his big band in the background on a tune called "Mississippi Mud," with all three

singing and Crosby standing in the middle beating out the rhythm on a "sock" cymbal.

That one release not only made the big time, it set in motion some major changes in the field of popular music. Band leaders started scouting the bushes for singers — male or female, singles or trios.

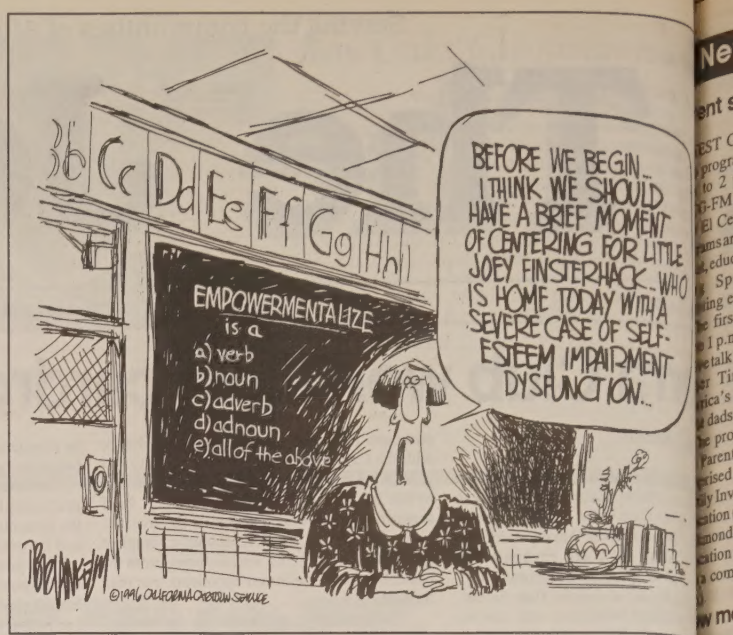
One of the first trios included a male with a falsetto voice that generated a lot of bawdy discussion as to whether they were brothers or sisters. But very quickly we started to listen to the Andrews Sisters, McGuire Sisters, Boswell Sisters. And practically every band had one or more singers.

All this back in the days when you didn't have to turn cartwheels and dance a jig while playing, with your clothes falling off you and your beard and hair meeting somewhere around your ears.

And, oh — I forgot — you could hear the words they were singing, and sing them yourself in ANY company.

If you're still worrying about that brunette, turns out she was in a hurry to get married and I wasn't.

But she was a real knockout and didn't have any trouble getting a husband.



## Police Reports

### Man arrested after opening his pants to women

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Feb. 5 a man reportedly entered the lobby of a building on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue, encountering two women. The women fled to the rear of the building when the man began to open his pants. He was gone when police arrived on scene. On the afternoon of Feb. 6 the suspect was contacted by Albany officers after several reports of him loitering near the building. He was found to have warrants from Berkeley and was arrested.

Between 11:45 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Feb. 4 a thief stole a 1987 Saab 900 convertible from a car dealership on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Thieves entered a residence on the 900 block of Taylor Street through an unlocked window between 8 p.m. and midnight on Jan. 31. They stole cash and valu-

able items from one of the bedrooms and departed unseen.

Between 12:25 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Feb. 6 a 16-year-old Albany boy reported that his black nylon Jansport backpack, with miscellaneous school supplies in it, was stolen when he left it unattended at the side entrance to the Albany pool. There were no witnesses.

Thieves entered a residence on the 600 block of San Gabriel Street through an unlock screen door at about 6 p.m. on Feb. 7, stole a purse that was on a sofa near the door and departed unseen.

On the morning of Feb. 8 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that someone had stolen the right front tire and wheel from her 1972 Ford Maverick. There were no witnesses.

Between 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 6:15 a.m. on Feb. 10 thieves smashed the right front window of a 1993 Mercedes Benz which

was parked on the 700 Ramona Avenue, stole the phone and departed unseen.

On the morning of Feb. 8 a resident on the 700 Carmel Avenue reported that thieves had smashed the window of his 1988 Honda Civic. The thieves stole a cell phone and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Feb. 8 a resident on the 700 Pomona Avenue reported that thieves had broken the window of his 1983 Honda Civic. The in-dash stereo was stolen.

During the week of Feb. 8 Albany officers fingered nine people at their towed four cars, responded to four false alarms, attended four deceased or lost persons, assisted six people who were locked out of their homes and responded to three of barking dogs.

### Man arrested after attempted Taco Bell robbery

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A Richmond man was arrested in connection with an attempted armed robbery at Jack in the Box. The suspect allegedly approached the drive-through window at 10:32 p.m. Feb. 6, demanding tacos. When he was refused, he attempted to take the register.

A homeless man was arrested for armed robbery Feb. 9. He ordered food at about 11:40 p.m., then brandished a knife, demanded cash and received it. He also demanded a purse from the victim but fled before obtaining it.

A Suisun City man is accused of punching an El Sobrante man on Cutting, west of San Pablo, because he thought the victim cut him off changing lanes. The incident occurred at 5:25 p.m. Dec. 28.

A Pinole man was arrested in the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue at 10:45 a.m. Jan. 25 following a physical fight that resulted from an argument.

Two women are accused of hitting another woman at Laundry Land at about 1:40 p.m., following an argument over a washer.

The suspects are described as Asian women in their early 20s. One was about 5-feet, 5-inches tall and 180 pounds, wearing a gray shirt, gray sweat pants and a flowered wrap skirt; the second was about 5-feet-10-inches, 170 pounds, wearing a green and black shirt with blue jeans.

A residential burglary was reported in the 700 block of Pomona on the afternoon of Jan. 29. The thief entered through an unlocked front door, conducted a messy search and took a VCR, jewelry and miscellaneous items.

A watch was taken from a bedroom in the 1300 block of Lawrence Street during the daytime Jan. 26.

The Video Station was burglarized between Feb. 1 and Feb. 2. The point of entry is unknown;

cash and electronics were taken.

A Rodeo man was arrested for prowling in the rear of the Del Norte Cleaners. A second person jumped from the roof, dropping a screwdriver, and was not apprehended. The incident occurred at 3:47 a.m. Feb. 7.

A man accused of taking mail from a box in the 1700 block of Liberty was apprehended by the victim. The money was recovered; the incident occurred at about 1:50 p.m. Feb. 2.

The attempted theft of a 1987 Toyota Corolla was reported in the 400 block of Colusa at 11:45 p.m. Jan. 29.

Five auto burglaries were reported. An indash stereo was taken from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Village Drive during the night of Jan. 30. On the morning of Jan. 31, a stereo was taken from a car parked in the 1000 block of Everett Street.

At about 2 a.m. Feb. 2, someone took a garage door opener from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Norvell Street; electronics and miscellaneous items were taken from Eureka at Pomona on the afternoon of Feb. 5. A vehicle parked in the 700 block of Colusa Avenue was searched between Jan. 30 and Feb. 1; nothing was taken.

A bike was stolen from a lot in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 1:56 p.m. Jan. 31. It was later recovered.

Twelve arrests were made for driving under the influence. Those arrested were: a Lodi man at San Mateo and Carlson Boulevard (Feb. 7, 1:44 a.m.), an El Cerrito woman at San Pablo and Huntington (Feb. 6, 11:35 p.m.), a Richmond man at San Pablo and Tehama (Feb. 5, 2:15 a.m.), an El Sobrante man at San Pablo and Panama (Feb. 2, 12:16 a.m.), a Richmond man at San Pablo and Schmidt (Feb. 2, 3:15 a.m.);

an El Cerrito man at Carlson and Van Fleet (Feb. 1, 1:30 a.m.), a San Pablo man at Carlson and Tehama (Feb. 2, 5 a.m.), a Richmond man at San Pablo and Conlon (Feb. 4, 1:40 a.m.), a San

Pablo man at San Pablo and Central (Feb. 3, 11:45 p.m.), a Richmond man at the 1700 Eastshore Boulevard (Feb. 1, 3:15 a.m.), an El Cerrito man at Richmond (Feb. 4, 3:15 a.m.) and a Richmond man at Richmond and Central. The latter involved a collision and another Richmond resident (Feb. 6, 10:10 a.m.).

Four arrests were made for possession of methamphetamine. An El Cerrito woman at San Pablo and Central (Feb. 1, 3:15 a.m.) and a Richmond man at Richmond and Central. The latter involved a collision and another Richmond resident (Feb. 6, 10:10 a.m.).

A Richmond man was arrested for attempting to avoid an officer in his vehicle at Feb. 7 on San Pablo Avenue between Eastshore and Klamath. A Richmond man was arrested for fleeing from the police vehicle at Central and Colusa at 4:02 a.m. Feb. 11.

Someone threw a brick through a window at Apple's at about 11 p.m. Feb. 1. Two incidents of domestic violence were reported.

Shoplifting arrests were made at the Emporium (a Richmond woman and a Richmond juvenile), at Lucky, San Pablo Avenue (two Richmond men, a Richmond man and a Richmond man), at Lucky, El Cerrito (a Richmond male juvenile at Target (a Pinole man and an Oakland female juvenile).

A Richmond woman was arrested for attempting to get a refund for stolen merchandise at Target.

A Richmond man was arrested for check forgery at the America at 9:34 a.m. Jan. 31. An El Cerrito man was arrested for spinning his car in the grass at Fairmont at 12:01 a.m. Feb. 1.

Someone broke off a handle on a vehicle parked in the block of Kearney Street on the morning of Feb. 2.

A bike was turned in and found.

## Letters to the Editor

### More than a Democrat

Editor:

Your front page article on El Cerrito activist Nancy Gans (*The Journal*, Feb. 1), who passed away this January, mentioned many good works of this remarkable woman. I would like to add to this list her long time commitment to the process of democracy. She was a co-founder of the El Cerrito Democratic Club in late 1951 and kept the Club active in the CDC, the "conscience of the Democratic Party." For forty-four years she rarely missed a monthly club meeting.

She was not, however, a Democrat so much in the partisan sense as a democrat in the sense of a person committed to democracy. She worked with Republicans, Democrats, and others to advance the public welfare. She believed that our democratic form of government requires citizen participation and input, and to this end she was always urging club members to go to City Council meetings, go to other governmental meetings, campaign, vote, and, yes, run for office ourselves. She made her life a shining example of this democratic ideal of citizen participation. We will miss her very much, and we are all the poorer upon her death.

Dwight Merrill  
El Cerrito

### Get ready to vote

Editor:

Recently, I had the good fortune to attend the annual convention of the California Democratic Council (CDC) as a delegate representing the El Cerrito Democratic Club. As a coalition of grassroots democratic organizations, the CDC considers itself to be the conscience of the Democratic Party.

During the convention, the CDC adopted positions regarding the measures appearing on the March 26 California primary election ballot.

An enthusiastic "Yes" vote is recommended on Proposition 203, the Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 1996.

Proposition 203 is a general obligation bond measure which will raise \$3 billion to be paid over a period of 25 years for construction and retrofitting our public school campuses. The last

time California voters approved such a bond for schools (statewide) was in 1986 for \$2.4 billion. As of early January 1996, all that is left of that bond is \$14 million for 170-plus colleges and thousands of schools. About two-thirds of the Proposition 203 money will go directly to K-12 schools; one-third will go to higher education campuses.

The measure is also supported by the California League of Women Voters, the California Teachers Association, and the California Chamber of Commerce.

Proposition 203 gives us all the opportunity to make an investment in that most precious of all resources, our children and youth. You can make a difference in their future on March 26 by voting and voting Yes on Proposition 203.

The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 505 Ashbury, El Cerrito.

Glen Price  
El Cerrito

### School site illogical

Editor:

Your informative article on the projected Albany middle school was a telling reflection on a \$11.2 million whim that should not have been allowed.

The logic of yanking middle school-age children from an ample, neat and green campus on Jackson Street to a concrete pigeon hole in house-dense Brighton Avenue completely escapes this writer.

As to the neighbor's concerns on such a move's impact, the architect involved informs that he is very happy that the roof of the building will blend to a T with the surroundings... How about that! But as to the increased traffic, parking, noise and litter forthcoming says he: "It's not part of our jurisdiction."

As for reality, witness the impact of the Albany High School one-car-per-student style, its tormenting outdoor loud-speakers and concomitant burdens, I suspect it's not in their jurisdiction either.

The sad and lasting aftermath of such

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## Newsline

### West County shows on radio

WEST COUNTY — Two new programs are airing from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, on KQED 88.1 and 89.9 broadcast from El Cerrito High School. The programs are hosted by Peggy Stein, an educator, and journalist; and Spangler, author and writing expert.

The first program, ParentTalk, (1 to 2 p.m.) is a varied and informative talk show. The second show, Time, (1 to 2 p.m.) is the area's first radio show for and by parents.

The programs are produced by the Parent Education Consortium of WCCUSD's Parent/Teacher Involvement, and Bilingual Education (Consolidated Program), Adult Education, Health Education and English Action Center community based organization.

### Members welcome

Kensington Senior Center is recruiting members of the local community with an endeavor to increase attendance.

Those over 55 years of age are invited to attend and participate in the programs. A call is also out to members and program presenters.

Kensington Senior Center continues in the new year with programming by the new teacher, Virginia Walker.

The following programs will be held in February at 11 a.m. at the Kensington Community Church, which meets in the Arlington Community Church.

Feb. 15: The Labyrinth. A talk and slide presentation by Betsy

## DARE students make the grade

Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo and DARE Officer Ron Bennett presented graduation certificates and awards to Albany Middle School sixth grade students including Jamie Russel (center) at the Annual Drug Awareness and Resistance Education Graduation last week. The program aims to provide drug abuse prevention strategies with uniformed officers working one-on-one with students in the classroom. Bennett works with students providing safety and street awareness training sessions.



Blake-Arzu.

Feb. 22: Indonesia part III. Another slide presentation of the travels of the intrepid Jackie Hetman.

Feb. 29: Great Books Discussion; Five Great Short stories by Jack London, led by Eleanor Wharton.

Kensington Senior Center activities include French, German and Spanish classes, computer use, massage, meditation, knitting and bridge.

The center meets Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue, in Kensington.

For more information, call 526-9146.

### Candidate to speak in El Cerrito

The public is invited to a talk with Assemblyman Bob Campbell, candidate for the state Senate, about the "Contract on California," at 8

p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, across from El Cerrito High.

### Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

This is the President's Day weekend, so there will be no school on Friday, Feb. 16 or Monday, Feb. 19. A few meetings will take place during this shortened school week:

Albany Families for Multicultural Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 20, at Albany High School. At a recent meeting, AFME organized members into groups focusing on curriculum, faculty hiring and

human relations issues. Parents with these or related interests are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Cornell PTA meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Cornell Library.

PTA Council will meet Monday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Albany Middle School. We will be hosting the Berkeley PTA Council and exchanging ideas with them about how to effect positive change, despite chronic school budget problems.

### Obituary

#### Elizabeth Elfriede Martens

Elizabeth Elfriede Martens died in Berkeley Jan. 29 of natural causes. She was 96.

Born in Germany, the 50 year Albany resident was a devoted wife and homemaker, and accomplished chef who loved baking and gardening.

She is survived by two nieces,

Yolanza Ressel of Canda and Helga Wenske of Germany and two nephews, Stan Wayne of Canada and Peter Matzke of Germany, as well as many friends and neighbors.

According to her wishes there service will be a scattering at sea by the Neptune Society.

## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

This weekly column will explore news and events impacting public education in West Contra Costa County. Particular attention will be given to local schools, parent and community organizations working to strengthen public education and the actions of the WCCUSD school board. Call me at 528-1315 with items for this column or email me at pakglan@aol.com. Please send information regarding PTA or other school organization meeting dates, special events open to the public and ideas for coverage.

### New school boundaries phase 2

#### Parent Task force Considers Criteria

New school attendance boundaries took a step closer to becoming reality on Saturday, Feb. 3, when a parent committee weighed public input from the series of open hearings held in the district during the month of January.

The immediate task at hand was to consider those criteria which would be used to redraw the school boundaries.

During public hearings the desire for neighborhood schools emerged as the overwhelming top priority for parents. Parents also expressed the desire for a feeder system which would allow students from the same school to progress upwards (to middle and high school) together. Parents further recognized the need to balance loading at the district's school sites to relieve conditions of overcrowding at some schools and underutilization at others. As a baseline for planning and criteria setting, parents and district representatives reaffirmed the school district's commitment to seeking racial and ethnic diversity in the schools and to maintaining both the Voluntary Integration Program and the current transfer policy.

A consistent theme also emerging from all five public meetings was that parents are generally more concerned about the quality of schools than

with attendance boundaries. Other issues deemed to be of high importance included: the creation of a new middle school in central Richmond; "grandfathering" students at the schools they currently attend; and striving to achieve economic diversity among the student populations at district schools. The parent committee asked staff to address these items as "overarching issues" upon which the ultimate success or failure of the new boundaries will hinge.

Based on these criteria, district staff will now bring forward three alternative boundary scenarios for consideration by the parent committee. These will be presented at the next parent committee meeting, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. (tonight) at the Staff Development Center, 262 Barnard St., Richmond.

The recommendations will then be reviewed by the school board during board study sessions to be held throughout the district.

### WCCUSD School Board news

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the School Board appointed Marcia Hataye to be principal of Portola Middle School. Hataye, currently the school's vice-principal will replace Abe Gonzales, who recently resigned to resume a counseling position with the school district. I had the good fortune to interview Hataye during her first day on the job as principal and we will publish that story next week in this space.

### Title I funds cut

Along with school districts across the nation, the WCCUSD is reeling from news that it should plan for a 17-25 percent reduction in Title I funding during the 1996-97 school year. This would result in dollar terms of a loss of between \$800,000 to \$1 million.

The school board will hear plans for dealing with these cuts at its regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Staff Development Center, 2625 Barnard St., Richmond.

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Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory  
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# There's something for everyone at Cafe Crayon

The Cafe Crayon is already something of a legend in its time. I can't remember the number of people who suggested that I write about the cafe and its owners, Ed and Shannon McManus. I went in a bit reluctantly, because even when I was bringing up my own little ones, I really didn't enjoy the sound of several shrill-voiced children shrieking, even in delight.

What I found was quite different, and most enjoyable. Even if you don't know Cafe Crayon, you realize by now that it is most unique in the fact that it not only welcomes children, but is planned with the children — and their parents — in mind.

The small building which houses the cafe is really quite perfect for the concept. One enters a long, narrow room lined with tables on one side and shelves of games, magazines, papers and periodicals on the other. Here people who are not accompanied by children can sit in quiet comfort enjoying the goodies that the cafe offers.

The end of the corridor/room opens into a sizable room where there are child-sized tables and

chairs as well as adult, where more games, crayons, books and other child-related treasures are assembled, and in a corner, my host and hostess and their offerings.

There is the sound of children enjoying themselves, but surprisingly quietly. They are too busy eating, coloring, playing games and, well, just being children. Of course, there are giggles, some shouts of joy or complaint, but it isn't the childish bedlam I had expected.

Many people who spoke to me about Cafe Crayon said they enjoy going in themselves, without children, just to be with young parents, children and others, all of whom seem to have a friendly atmosphere about them.

Some of the atmosphere must emanate from the McManuses — because, during our interview, we sat at a table in the long corridor of the entrance room. As we talked people would come in, mostly mothers with small children. Shannon McManus, in particular, greeted each mother and child by name. And the children returned her greeting happily.

Shannon told me that she and Ed had been thinking of opening a child-friendly cafe for some time, but had not found a suitable place. When Gathering Tribes moved to a new location, the McManuses grabbed this place.

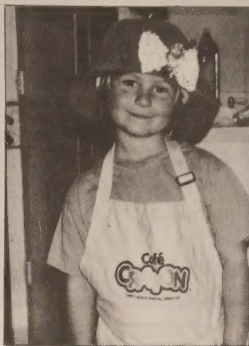
Their reason for wanting to open such a business was simple. When their first daughter Katie was a baby they took her everywhere, with no hesitation. When Chrissy came along, however, and there were two little ones, there was really no place where they could take them comfortably. And that is what they wanted —

a comfortable place for children and their parents.

Albany people know Ed McManus well. He has, after all, been a city councilman and a School Board member, which he continues to be.

Born in San Mateo, Ed studied at UC Berkeley and Davis. He spent an undergraduate year in Tacoma, as a Vista volunteer, working in housing programs.

Back in the Bay Area, he worked for Contra Costa County for five years managing home repair and housing programs, as well as employment training



Chrissy McManus helps out

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The City of Berkeley has available \$850,000 in its Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and will accept applications to use such funds from February 28th thru March 18th.

All applications must conform to the HTF Program Guidelines adopted by the City Council on January 23, 1996. Copies of these Guidelines and application forms are available from City staff at the above address. Please call 644-6042 for assistance.

FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:  
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## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



programs. And he finishes that part of his story wryly, "and then Reagan was elected."

With the end of his programs, he decided to return to school, where he took graduate studies in planning. He worked as a carpenter, and started getting involved in the City Planning Commission, followed, as noted, by the City Council and the School Board.

During this time, too, he married Shannon — nine years ago.

Shannon was born in Connecticut, and educated at the University of Tampa, graduating in sociology, which, she notes, she has never used. She was working for Walden Books when she was transferred to

California. Here, of course, she eventually met and married Ed, and produced two children.

Katie and Chrissy are students in Vista School, very much a part of Cafe Crayon. "They come here day after school before their various arts classes, swim team and activities."

"The whole purpose is to have something the kids can enjoy and where the kids can be with us," Shannon says.

And where did they get their background to run a cafe? During his high school years, Ed had a variety of food service jobs, including being a cook on an oil tanker. As for

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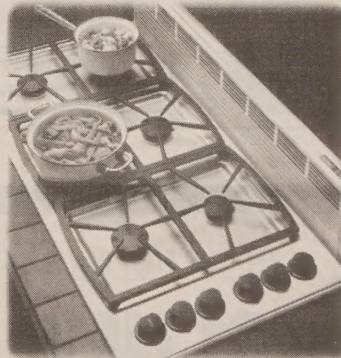
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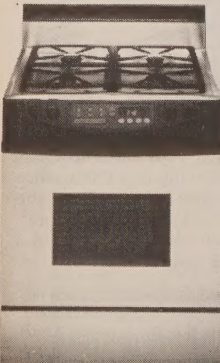
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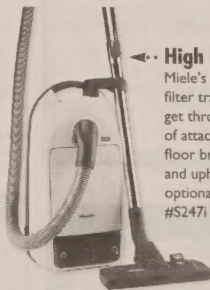
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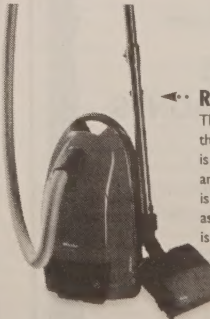
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## Sources to land for en space

city's ability to purchase the open space on Albany Hill which might be lost to development depends of course on availability of funds. There are several sources the city might draw on to purchase open space. Among them are the Community Development Block Grants which receive each year from the federal government, the Landscape and Lighting Fund, the Community Development Block Grants can also be used for many other worthy projects including improvement of city accessibility of city and helping to get an abandoned housing project off the ground. Community Development monies could also be used to expand and improve the teen center. The Landscape and Lighting Fund can also be used for many improvements around the city including better street lighting for Solano Avenue, improvements in our existing parks and enhancement of our existing program. All these (and more) and much-needed measures, the City Council has a

## From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky  
Albany



difficult task ahead of it in allocating our scarce funding among all these projects and considering a program to purchase land on Albany Hill at the same time.

One possible solution would be to consider a voter-approved bond measure for the protection of Albany Hill's open space. A bond measure would provide more money than would be available from the other sources mentioned above, and would leave all of the money in those other funds free for the many important projects mentioned above.

Of course a bond measure requires a vote of the people, and a full two-thirds of the voters voting must say "yes" for it to pass. That's not an easy hurdle to get over. On the other hand, when I mentioned this idea to a friend the other day, she replied that while it is commonly said of voters that they don't want to pay for anything, that just doesn't seem to hold true in Albany.

School bonds seem to pass here every time they're up, and the statewide open space bond measures that lose big in the rest

of California pass easily among Albany voters.

The amount of the bond measure would have to be determined by the council after public input. Then it would be put to the voters to say "yes" or "no." The more per household, the more land that could be purchased. A modest contribution from each household of \$14 per year would probably allow more open space to be protected than would be possible juggling the Landscape and Lighting and Community Development funds.

Is a bond measure for Albany Hill a good idea? If so, how much is the right amount? The City Council will be discussing this issue on Feb. 20. All are welcome to present their opinion.

We must decide as a community if we are willing to make a common investment in protecting one of the most important pieces of urban open space in the Bay Area. If the answer is yes, the next step is to decide how much of an investment and how best to leverage it.

## Chief Murdo setting off for FBI training

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Police Chief Larry Murdo has accepted an invitation to hone his policing skills by attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 185th Law Enforcement Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The City Council appointed Sgt. Bill Palmi to fill the chief's shoes while he is out of town from March 31 to June 14.

"There is no more widely accepted or acknowledged law enforcement training site for leadership and management than the Academy," Murdo said.

"I believe anyone can objectively state these chosen courses are within the scope of employment, being job and task related, and can only benefit the city of Albany," he said.

Though no one at the council meeting doubted the honor accruing to the city or the value of the training Murdo

will undergo, citizens did question the impact on city finances. Murdo will be on full salary while out of town, but the FBI will pay transportation, tuition and subsistence costs, including weekends. The city will be out of pocket \$656 for per diem, uniform and other fees.

Stemming widespread rumors that he intends to retire or seek office elsewhere before or when his term ends in 1998, Murdo said, "I am going to put my time in here. I'm not going to leave."

Appointed on Murdo's recommendation as "a logical choice to perform as Acting Chief due to his possession of academic credentials as well as related pragmatic experience," Palmi has been a sergeant in the department for six years, known for his work impersonating Elvis Presley in the recently-concluded Chief Op-

erator Program, the state-funded youth safety program initiated by Chief Murdo.

While at the academy, Murdo will study the latest developments in forensics or crime scene management, police labor relations and collective bargaining, proactive media relations, community policing, legal problems confronting law enforcement executives and how to access federal grants. Courses are accredited by the University of Virginia.

In addition to bringing law officers from all over the country up to technical snuff, the historic FBI courses emphasize positive lifestyle modification, informal networking among police chiefs and a holistic approach to physical fitness as well as academic achievement, according to the stated goals and objectives of the program.

## Graffiti abatement demo to be held in EC

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito will hold a graffiti seminar next week in conjunction with the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Business owners are invited to gather in the parking lot at the old House of Fabrics building, at the corner of Eureka and San Pablo avenues, next Wednesday at 8 a.m. for a demonstration and description of one approach to dealing with graffiti.

While there are a number of different options for controlling graffiti, said building and maintenance supervisor Mori Struve, the city has chosen a product from American Protective

Coatings to cover utility control boxes around the city. Over 15 boxes have already been painted with the coating; more boxes will be painted over the next few weeks.

"All the traffic control boxes you see painted green around town have been painted with this covering," said Struve. "We'll also be covering other above-ground control boxes and those that house connections, including telephone and PG&E boxes. We're also taking responsibility for keeping the graffiti off of them."

The protective coating looks like paint but is "super high density," al-

lowing for much easier removal of graffiti paint. Struve said he called several cities who have used the product; the city of Sunnyvale has used it for 10 years and is still able to easily remove graffiti from it, he said.

The paint can be mixed in any color or can be used clear for masonry fronts, where it tends to "bring more color out," he said. A.P.C. representative Bill Kurly was to cover a test strip on the back of the building today; he will then offer a graffiti-removal demonstration next week.

— Dawn Frasier

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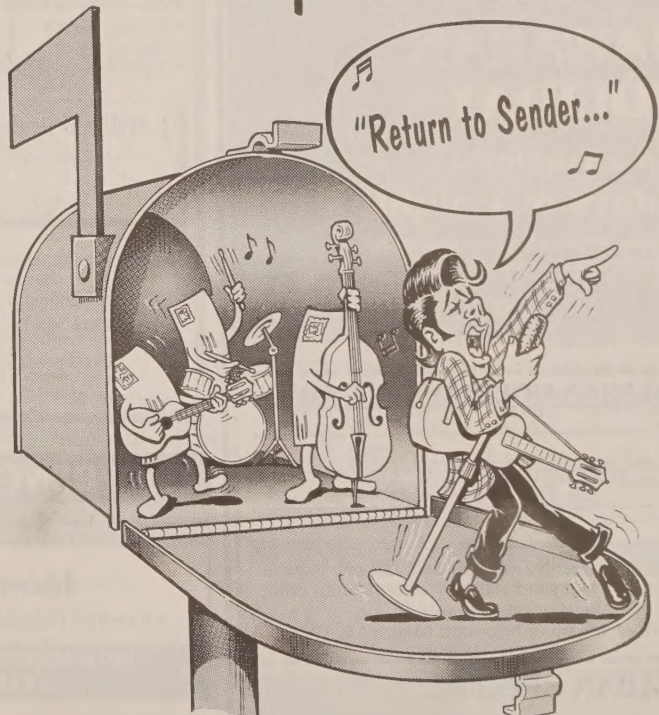
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### Performances

**Ashkenaz:** Feb. 15, 8 p.m.: Fifth annual Berkeley Blues Harmonica Blowout; Feb. 16, 11 p.m.: Zulu Spear with Kachimbo at 9:30 p.m.; Feb. 17, 9:30 p.m.: California Cajon Orchestra; Feb. 18, 9 p.m.: Humberia (Salsa); Feb. 20, 9:30 p.m.: Rumeli; Feb. 9 p.m.: Geno Delafosse. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Berkeley City Club Performance:** Feb. 20, 8 p.m.: An evening of chamber music with a performance that includes Dohnanyi's *Sextet*, Op. 37 with Wm. Sturm, piano, and others. 2316 Durant.

**Dance Theatre of Harlem:** Program I - Feb. 15, 8 p.m.; Feb. 17, 2 p.m.; Program II - Feb. 16, 8 p.m.; Feb. 17, 8 p.m.; Feb. 18, 3 p.m. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, Bancroft Ave. at Telegraph, Berkeley. Call for detailed program information. 642-9988.

**Hausmusik:** Feb. 17, 8 p.m.: "A Flute for All Seasons: Wood, Silver, Ivory, and Crystal." St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. 524-5661.

**Shefa Gold Music:** Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Jewish renewal spiritualist and mystic teacher, Shefa Gold will be performing at Chochmat Halev, 2525 Eighth St. No. 13, Berkeley. 704-9687.

**"Survival Tactics,"** six short plays presented by the Equinox Theatre Company continues through Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$8/\$6. Call 415-267-3949 for reservations.

**Trinity Chamber Concerts:** Feb. 17, 8 p.m.: Lyrique with Gail Edwards, flute, and harpist Janice Ortega in music of Andriessen, Persichetti and Ravel. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley.

**Maybeck Recital Hall:** Feb. 18, 4 p.m.: Denny Zeitlin, piano and David Friesen, bass, will be playing jazz standards and originals. 1537 Euclid, Berkeley. 848-3228.

**Jupiter:** Feb. 15, 7 p.m.: That One Guy; Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Birdman of Alcatraz with Marshall Arts at 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m.: Frijoles Blancos. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call THE ROCK.

**Karagiozis:** Feb. 19, 8:30 p.m.: The Center for Modern Greek Studies at San Francisco State University and The Odyssey Cafe Bistro in Berkeley will sponsor a Greek Shadow Theater (Karagiozis) performance entitled *The Metamorphosis of Karagiozis*. At 9:15 p.m. there will be a performance in Greek entitled, *Karagiozis the Doctor in Spite of Himself*. The Odyssey Cafe Bistro, 1849 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (415) 338-1892.

**La Peña:** Feb. 15, 8 p.m.: Desde Cuba Con Amor; Feb. 17, 9:30 p.m.: Conjunto Cespedes. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Noon Concerts:** Feb. 21, 12:15 p.m.: Sing and String Theory (for non-physicists) Hertz Hall, U.C. Berkeley Campus. 642-4864.

**Starry Plough:** Feb. 15, 9:30 p.m.: Naked Sol, The Basics, and Acoustic Paradise; Feb. 16, 9:45 p.m.: Mental Revenge with Jill Olsen & the Norsemen; Feb. 17, 9:45 p.m.: Hotlinks with Jimbo Trout; Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m.: Electric Blues Jam Session; Feb. 19, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music; Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Cabaret Open Mike; Feb. 21, DARTS. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

**Trinity Chamber Concerts:** Feb. 17, 8 p.m.: Lyrique performance with Gail Edwards, flute, Janice Ortega, harpist, in the music of Andriessen, Persichetti and Ravel. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 549-3864.

**Yoshi's:** Through Feb. 18, 8 and 10 p.m.: Diane Schuur; Feb. 19, 8 and 10 p.m.: Clara; Feb. 20 - 24, 8 and 10 p.m.: Mill Jackson quartet with special guest Bobby Hutcherson. 6040 Claremont Ave., North Oakland. 652-9200.

**Berkeley Rep:** Marivaux's *Changes of Heart*, directed by Stephen Wadsworth. 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. through Feb. 23.

### Religious activities

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m.: "This I Believe" with member, Bill Balderston. Children's program: for toddlers, childcare; ages 3-12, classes. 1924 Cedar, 841-4824.

**Learning to Love God,** a study group for new Christians or non-Christian seekers, meets at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings at Trinity Evangelical Free Church, 7200 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito. 524-6820.

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church:** Feb. 21, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday with services conducted by Jim Stickney, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

**The 5:45:** Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

### Events, meetings, classes...

**Poetry and Art at La Peña:** Feb. 16, 8 p.m.: Photo Book: The legacy of the Panthers; Feb. 18, 7 p.m.: International Black Writers and Artists' Black History Month Celebration; Feb. 21, 7 p.m.: Open Poetry Writing Workshop. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association** hosts talks monthly by noted authorities on the arts and crafts movement in England and Berkeley. Call 841-2242 for tickets and information.

**North Berkeley Senior Center:** Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.: Low-sodium eating tips followed by a cello concert with Vera Golden at 1:15 p.m.; Feb. 21, 1 p.m.: Chinese Club Meeting; Feb. 22, 11:45 a.m.: Traffic Safety with Berkeley Police followed by the video movie *Apollo 13* at 1 p.m. 1901 Hearst, 644-6107.

**City Commons Club:** Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to Noon: Alex M. Saragosa, professor of Chicano Studies, U.C. Berkeley, will deliver a talk on "Mexico: Embattled Neighbor." 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 444-3816.

**Tibetan New Year:** Feb. 18, 3 p.m.: Tibetan style tea and snacks along with docent tours of the galleries featuring 250 prints of Tibetan paintings. 2910 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 548-5407.

**Bernie Sanders:** Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Vermont's Independent Representative Bernie Sanders will speak on social issues and politics. King Middle School, 1781 Rose St., North Berkeley. 548-0542.

**Black Oak Books:** Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Michael Smith with *Sanctuary Stories*. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

**Art-on-Site:** An eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibits held Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m., Through March 27. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., 848-0731.

**Cody's Books:** Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.: Mandy Afel with *The Story of Your Life*; Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.: E.J. Dionne, Jr. looks at American party politics in *They Only Look Dead*; Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Allen examines the Million Man March in *Brotherman*; Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Osserman with *Poetry of the Universe*. 2454 Telegraph, Berkeley. 845-7852.

**Poetry at Cody's:** Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Ellery Akers & Melody Lacina. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

**Contra Costa Hills Club:** Feb. 15, 9:42 a.m.: Tour San Francisco's Waste Water Treatment Plant - Meet leaders at "L" Muni stop at 48th Ave. and Wawona (opposite S.F. zoo). 582-2065.

**Eli Katz:** Feb. 18, 5 p.m.: Professor emeritus of Sonoma State University, Katz will deliver a speech entitled "Laughing with Lizards." Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. at Rose, Berkeley. 848-0237.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** Feb. 18, 8:30 a.m. departure: Mini Hike - Sunol. Call leader Henry Stavan at (526-7963) for details; Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.: Mini Hike - Garin Regional Park. Call Al and Doris

Broughton (523-4631) for details.

**Gaia Books:** Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Tiziana De Rovere discusses *Sacred Fire: Rituals of Passage*; Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Laeh Maggie Garfield examines sound medicine in *Sound Medicine: Healing with Music, Voice and Song*; Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Mandy Afel with *The Story of Your Life*; Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Elizabeth Davis and *Women, Sex and Desire: Sexuality at Every Stage of Life*. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172; 848-GAIA.

**M.C. Newburn/Books:** Feb. 17, 2 p.m.: Joyce Carol Thomas will speak about her book *Gingerbread Days*; Feb. 18, 3 p.m.: Jeann Wms Cato with *Celebrating Our Past, Future, and Present*. 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 524-1370.

**PFA:** Feb. 15, 7 p.m.: *Love with Girl* at 8:50 p.m.; Feb. 16, 7 p.m.: *Pigs and Battleships with The Rose on His Arm* at 9:05 p.m.; Feb. 17, 7 p.m.: *Mildred Pierce with Victims of Sin* at 9:05 p.m.; Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.: *Bach's Fight for Freedom with Lulu* at 5:30 p.m. and *The Dangerous Age for Women* at 7:25 p.m.; Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: *A Sixth of the World with The Old New World* at 9:05 p.m.; Feb. 21, 3 p.m.: *Citizen Kane* followed by *Truth Under Siege* with short *Primitivism in the Camps* at 7:30 p.m. U.C. Berkeley.

**Family Life Hotline:** Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 FM: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

**Jitterbug Club:** Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy Philately Meeting: For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

**Sacred Calligraphy:** Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Dr. Ronald Nakasone, Professor of Buddhist Studies at the Pacific School of Religion will deliver a talk entitled, "Seeing Sacred Texts: A Lecture and Demonstration on Chinese and Japanese Calligraphy." Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

**Kids at La Peña:** Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m.: Storyteller Awele Makeba Weaves African folktales and plantation tales for all ages. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Homework Helper:** Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's South Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all

kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

**Kensington 55+ Activity Center:** Feb. 15, 11 a.m.: The Labyrinth, a talk and slide presentation by Betsy Blake-Arzu. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

**Marquetry Class:** For beginners; every Tuesday 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave and Garber St., Berkeley.

**African-American Book Club:** Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

**REI:** Feb. 15, 7 p.m.: Madagascar: Land of the Lemur. David Parks will show a slide presentation on the remaining undisturbed wild lands. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

**Twilight Storytime:** Through March 13, Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.: A series of programs for ages 3-6. Albany Library. 526-3720. Free.

**Under the Nkula Tree:** Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m.: Yolanda Rhodes will present a musical journey through African-American history at the Central Children's Room, 2090 Kittredge, Berkeley. 649-3943.

**University YWCA:** Feb. 20, Noon: Sgt. Kay Landow, Berkeley Police Dept. will speak about a career in law enforcement. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

### Exhibits

**El Cerrito artist Leigh Keller Rice** is exhibiting more than 50 of her multimedia works at the Lakeview Club, Kaiser Center, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, through March 1. Reception is Wednesday, Feb. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 524-4300 for more information.

**New Pieces** presents "Cultural Textures," an exhibit of quilts by Berkeley quilter Marie Ali. Show through Feb. 29. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

**Photography:** Through Feb. 29: Vern Satcher exhibits his travel photographs at the Berkeley Travel Company at 1301 California St. at Hopkins. 524-9901.

**Japanese artist Keiko Nelson** shows "Inner Diary: Installation and Paper Constructs" at the Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge, Berkeley. Reception Feb. 8, 5 to 7 p.m. 649-2400.

Yung Chung-on: Feb. 14 - 29: An

exhibition of traditional ink and wash calligraphy of Institute of Buddhist Art, Addision, Berkeley. 848-3434.

**Siporin Cafe Art:** The artist's homage to S.F. Classic Bohemian paintings by Tom Siporin, 1985, including Vesuvius, The Med, La Strada's Cafe. Carrara's Art Gallery, Powell Ave., Emeryville.

**Tanna Bella:** Ongoing! Bella, local artist, is coming some recent pastels depicting vegetables and delights. On display from p.m. and Saturday and Sunday a.m. to 2 p.m. Redwood Solano Ave., Albany. 526-3720.

**Support groups:** **Alzheimer's:** and Monday Enrichment Program by the Claremont Center for Aging and Fellowship; St. John's 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

**Public speaking:** spiritualism come together. Toastmasters. 2515 Hillside, Berkeley. Wednesday, 7645.

**Cancer Support Group:** Friday, 9:30 a.m.: Free. Feldman, M.A., M.S., 1901

**Conscious Connections:** singles who value personal growth. Second and third p.m. 6333 Telegraph, 2605.

**Emotions Anonymous:** p.m.: Northbrae Community The Alameda (Near Solano) 655-7917.

**Menopause Group:** support for women seeking alternative treatment for symptoms of Menopause. Evening forming. Information and Marlene Smith, L.A.C., 848-6004.

**Solo Sierrans:** The Bay Chapter of the Sierrans, over 40, offering a variety of outdoor, social activities; 652-4928.

**Stroke Awareness:** Wednesdays, Noon. Albany Center, 846 Masonic Ave. 9502.

## TIPS FOR THE TAXPAYER

### The ins and outs of annuities

By Simon

Annuities are sold by life insurance companies to provide benefits during your lifetime. An annuity provides a guaranteed lifetime income that you can elect to have start either immediately after purchase or at a future date.

In general, there are two types of annuities, *fixed* and *variable*. A fixed annuity provides a specific income for life, with a variable annuity, payouts are dependent on investment return, which is not guaranteed. In both fixed and variable annuities, you do not have to pay income tax on the accumulated earnings until payouts start. But you should keep in mind that withdrawals are taxable and, if you are under age 59 1/2, may be subject to a 10% tax penalty.

Payout, when the time comes, may be in one of several forms:

- **STRAIGHT LINE ANNUITY** - You receive an income for the rest of your life. However, no payments are made to anyone, even your dependents, after your death. This is sometimes called a "pure" annuity. It provides the largest amount of income per dollar of purchase money. This type of annuity is often recommended for a person who needs the maximum amount of income and either has no dependents or has taken care of them through other means.

- **JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY** - Payouts are made to either you or your designated survivor lives.

- **INSTALLMENT REFUND ANNUITY** - Payouts are somewhat straight life annuity, but they will at least equal the amount paid in regardless of when you die, any refund is paid to your beneficiaries in installments.

- **LIFE ANNUITY WITH PERIOD CERTAIN** - Payouts are made for your life. However, this type of annuity features a "guarantee" period that means that if you die within a certain period after you start receiving usually 10 or 20 years, your beneficiary will receive regular payments of that period.

Because annuities have many different features, there are a number of factors to examine before you buy. For example, you would ask: Are there graduated withdrawal over a period of years? How much can you withdraw at any one time as a penalty?

In addition, if you are considering the purchase of annuity, you should ask:

- What is the current interest rate and how often does it change?
- What is the minimum interest rate guaranteed in the contract?
- Is there a "bailout option" that permits you to cash in without withdrawal penalties (there may be tax penalties), if the drops below a specific figure?
- Are there front-end load charges or annual administrative charges and how will they affect your return?

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## El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinertnick

## The state of redevelopment

The State of "development" will be the theme of the annual meeting of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at the El Cerrito Club at noon, at the Cerrito Club. The cost is \$10 per person and RSVP is asked by calling staff at 233-0571.

The newest members being added to the chamber are: Alameda, Intertune, Inc., 2354, services in musical instruments exporting, and O'Connor, El Cerrito Club, 233-0571, professional networking.

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce appreciates the commitment of the following members: The El Cerrito Masonic Lodge; Bob Moore; Tradeway Stores; Ray Motel; Bert Chan, retired; Family Fair; Neal DDS; The Women's Club; Olivero Plumbing; Gardens Real Estate; Dr. Paws Pet Hospital; Pastime Hardware.

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## Eat for a stronger chamber

On Thursday, Feb. 29, everyone will get the chance to enjoy a day of fine dining — and benefit the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce at the same time.

That's the day Strings Italian Cafe, the "hot Spot" of El Cerrito, located at 11720 San Pablo Ave., will sponsor an all-day fund-raiser for the Chamber. Fifteen percent of all business on the 29th will be donated to the Chamber of Commerce.

We urge as many people as possible to eat at Strings that day since, if this effort proves successful, General Manager Geary Wong promises to consider making this a monthly event.

Strings, which is located in Del Norte Place, was recently voted "Best Pasta Restaurant in

the East Bay" in the Contra Costa Times People's Choice Awards.

## Graffiti prevention/Earth Day

This year's Earth Day celebration, sponsored jointly by the City of El Cerrito and the Chamber of Commerce, will get off to an early start on Feb. 21 with a Graffiti Prevention Workshop for local business people.

The workshop, slated to start at 8 a.m., is being held in conjunction with the local Earth Day scheduled for Saturday, April 20.

Location of the Graffiti Workshop may be obtained by contacting Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft at 215-4384 or the Chamber of Commerce office at 233-7040.

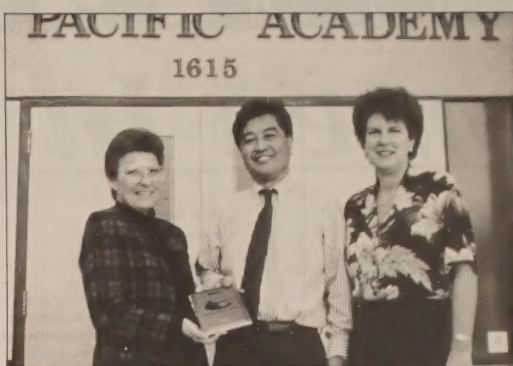
Other pre-Earth Day activities include tree-planting which is now going on, a poster program scheduled for March and tours of El Cerrito's Recycling Center in April. Schools throughout the city will also work on special Earth Day projects.

Earth Day itself will be marked on April 20 with special community improvement work parties throughout the city, followed by a junk art show and free barbecue for volunteers at the Community Center.

## Sale Days scheduled

The 1996 El Cerrito citywide Spring Round-Up Sale Days, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, have been scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26 and 27.

Once again the highlight of this semi-annual business promotion will be the



Kiyoshi Nomura of The Pacific Academy of the Nomura School is welcomed by Chamber President Pat Malailua (left) and Mayor Cathie Kosel.

publication of a special Round-Up Sale advertising supplement to be distributed in the April 25 edition of Family Fair, The Journal and the Berkeley Voice.

With the cooperation of Hills Publications, a special discount rate has been established for all wishing to advertise in this supplement. In addition, part of the cost of each ad will be rebated to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce to help finance business promotion throughout the year.

For additional information and space reservations, contact Family Fair ad representative Bill Sienter at 237-7777.

## Local success story

What once was a home day care facility in El Cerrito with less than a dozen students has — over the years — grown into a flourishing area educational complex.

Today The Pacific Academy of Nomura School, one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's

newer members, serves 225 pre-school through sixth-grade students and boasts a staff of 45. Plans call for a seventh grade to be added later this year, and an eighth grade in 1997.

Director of The Pacific Academy is Faith Nomura, and her husband, Kiyoshi, is the school's chief administrative officer.

After starting in 1964 in Berkeley, Mrs. Nomura moved her child care facility to 522 Clayton St. in El Cerrito. In 1970 the building's kitchen was remodeled, a back room added and Mrs. Nomura organized a state-licensed facility called the "El Cerrito Day Nursery." Enrollment quickly grew to 25 students.

Four years later, with enrollment in El Cerrito at capacity and the demand for day care growing, the Nomuras opened a second facility at 1711 Carlson Blvd. in the Richmond Annex/El Cerrito area.

Over the years the couple has

purchased some seven other homes in the Carlson/Burlingame area and added classes as they went along. In 1984 they acquired a vacant lot at 1615 Carlson and began plans for a learning center.

At the same time, Mr. Nomura resigned his position as an architect to work full-time on the school operation and plans for expansion.

Renamed The Pacific Academy of Nomura School in 1992, the school is in its 31st year of operation, with a solid curriculum for pre-schoolers to sixth-graders in place.

"Our curriculum," Mrs. Nomura explains, "reflects a balance of academics, arts, physical education and foreign language skills. We also enrich our children's lives by teaching them the value of cooperation, participation, listening and appreciation."

The 2-1/2- to 3-1/2-year-old pre-schoolers who attend classes at the El Cerrito facility are provided with a safe environment in which they are taught sharing and role-playing, listening and learning skills and exposed to a positive approach to music.

The El Cerrito facility includes colorful classrooms, an enclosed play area, a hands-on garden and a bird aviary.

Students 3-1/2 years and older attend the advanced pre-kindergarten program on the Carlson campus, where classes are designed to promote learning readiness and where simple math, Japanese language instruction, and music and performance skills are introduced.

"The elementary curriculum,"

See CHAMBER, page 16

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Kathleen was born and educated in England. She has lived in the U.S. for 25 years and raised two daughters here. Previously she worked in the medical field before turning to taxes and self-employment.

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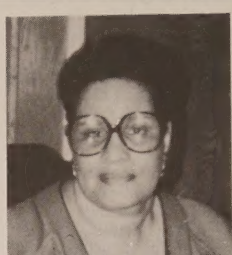
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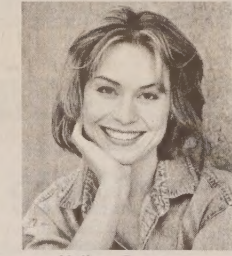
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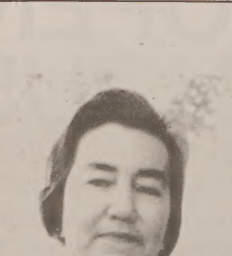
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## East Bay Events

### Music for meditation

Shefa Gold, whose chants are widely used in Jewish renewal services and meditation, will present a concert of her own music Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. On Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., she will lead a workshop entitled "Open Heart, Prepare the Soil, Plant the Seed." Both events are at Cochmat HaLev Center, 225 Eighth St., Berkeley. Call 704-9687 for reservations.

Gold is a leader in Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, and is in her final year at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She is also on the faculty of the Jewish Renewal Life Center in Philadelphia. Her liturgy has been published in several prayer books, and she has produced six albums. The latest, *Chants for the Journey*, is available on tape and CD.



### Calligraphy, poetry and painting meet

Poet, calligrapher and landscape painter of the Chinese Naturalist School, Prof. Yung Chung-on, has come out of retirement to display selected works at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, 1900 Addison St., Berkeley. The exhibit will run through Feb. 24. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Yung's landscapes demonstrate the essence of three aspects of traditional Chinese arts, integrating painting with poetry and calligraphy. He will offer a course in landscape painting and calligraphy in March at the Institute of World Religions at the Berkeley Buddhist Monastery. Call 848-3440 for more information.

### Tuesday night chamber music

Berkeley City Club's Arts Section presents chamber music Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in the members lounge. On the program are Johann Sebastian Bach's *Sixtet*, Op. 37, with William Sturm, piano; Merlyn Wolman, French horn; John Pangia, clarinet; Elizabeth Yee, violin; Anne Kadarau, viola; and Helen Loudon, cello. Also to be performed is Martinu's *Trio*, with Jan Roberts, flute; Burke Schuchmann, viola, and Joanne DePhillips, piano.

Admission is \$10 general, and \$8 for seniors and students; tickets are available at the door one hour prior to the performance. No reservations are needed.

A no-host dinner is available in the City Club dining room beforehand; call 848-7800 for reservations.

### Adventures in jazz



Danny Zeitlin plays piano and David Friesen, bass, at Maybeck Recital Hall on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Zeitlin and Friesen are described as two of the most accomplished and adventurous musicians in jazz play standards and originals. Zeitlin describes working with Friesen as "just like a hand in a glove." For reservations call 848-3228.

### For fans of flutes

Wood, silver, ivory and crystal flutes and music from the baroque and classical periods will be featured in Hausmusik's Saturday presentation.

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## Victorian life, up close, personal

By Renata Polit

The guiding metaphor of *Angels & Insects* is the resemblance of insect societies to our own (I'm not so sure where the angels come in). It's a pretty strained conceit and doesn't really help illuminate the action of the movie.

But that's no reason not to see this ravishing costume drama, co-written and directed by Philip Haas (*The Music of Chance*) from a story by hot English novelist A. S. Byatt.

Costume dramas seem suddenly to be the rage again, but *Angels & Insects* is of a different order than, say, the opulent *Restoration*. Rather than attempting to paint a huge canvas that includes much of the politics and history of its age, "Angels" zeroes in on a minute segment of its period, the Victorian Age in England, putting one family in one place under the microscope much as the film's naturalist hero puts his insect specimens under his lens.



Mark Rylance and Patsy Kensit

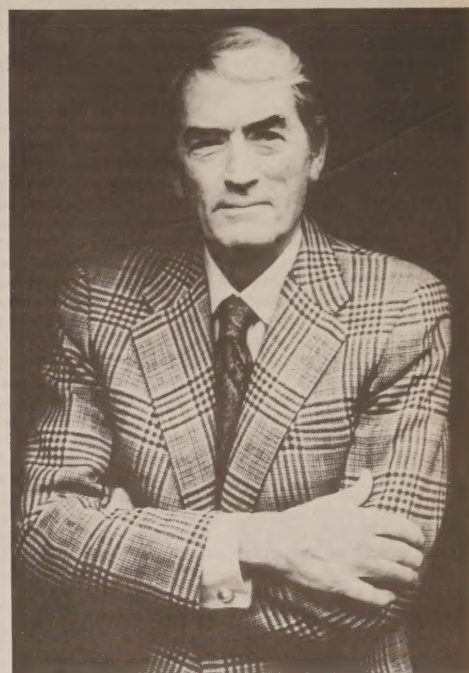
We soon find out that naturalist William Adamson (Mark Rylance), who spent years gathering materials in the Amazon, lost everything in a shipwreck on the way home to England and is now earning his keep organizing the specimen collection of Rev. Harald Alabaster (Jeremy Kemp), an amateur scientist, and giving nature instruction to the Alabaster children.

Adamson, who comes from a lower social class than the Alabasters (his father is a butcher), acts stiff and ill-at-ease in the Alabasters' opulent household. Among the fluttering Alabaster girls and women—five young girls, all dressed alike, and two young women of marriageable age, as well as Lady Alabaster (Annette Badland), who'd be a

The film opens spectacularly enough, with a close-up mosaic of shots of a native dance in an unnamed country. Cut to a Victorian ballroom, where the women's dresses are no less flamboyant than the natives' painted bodies.

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## Hollywood hero packs Zellerbach



Gregory Peck, soon to turn 80, charmed his Berkeley audience.

By Carol Egan

When screen legend Gregory Peck walked on stage at Zellerbach Hall last Sunday afternoon, he received a standing ovation. During the course of the next two hours it became clear that this welcome was well deserved.

The star's appearance here was particularly fitting considering that UC Berkeley is his alma mater (he graduated in 1939) and the site of his acting debut. Although Peck entered the school as a pre-med major (in the days when tuition was \$26 for a term), he soon switched to English and discovered an interest in acting through his appearances in five productions of the Dramatic Art Department. Peck has returned to Cal upon

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## Deavere Smith illuminates L.A. 'Twilight'

By Wanda Sabir

Anna Deavere Smith's *Twilight*, the recipient of numerous awards—the Obie, Drama Critics' Circle, Drama Desk as well as Tony nominations—was a rousing success in 1992. Why would Deavere Smith revisit the scene of the LA uprising, four years later? Aren't the American people beyond the tensions that led to such a bloody and violent expression of urban unrest?

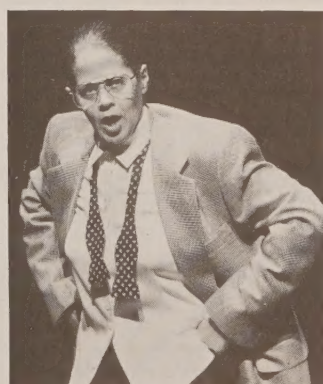
The playwright, who is also the director and principal stage presence in Berkeley Rep's production of *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*, playing at San Francisco's Marines Memorial Theater through March 16, has answers. Since the riots, she says, attitudes about race have shifted: "...the riot, the O.J. Simpson verdict, and the Million Man March are all part of

a bigger sweep...I am looking at the process of becoming something. I am...looking for the humanness inside the problems, or the crisis."

Similar to the process of a photographer developing a negative, Deavere Smith exposes what we can't easily see.

Retelling of the incidents that led up to April 1992, utilizing only her voice, gestures and few props, Deavere Smith creates for the audience a sense of place and time. Pat Collins and Christopher Barreca's lighting and scenic design, Stephen LeGrand's sound design, and Joshua Redman's wonderful sound track all take place within a staged context, reinforced by frequent videotaped reminders of the people, the places, and the incidents, of Los Angeles 1991, '92, and '93.

Prior to this play I had never seen Deavere Smith in person. I knew from PBS specials and the '94 premiere of the Alvin Ailey work *Hymn* that she wrote and narrated, that the woman was a griot. However, it was only after



Anna Deavere Smith as Stanley K. Sheinbaum, former police commissioner.

watching her on stage as she shaped her characters, embodied their persona, that I could say, Deavere Smith was "workin' some serious 'ju-ju'" i.e., magic.

In the course of just two acts, the audience encountered at least 40 characters, 49 vignettes, and

about 10 scenes. The play revolves around verbatim excerpts from interviews Deavere Smith conducted. Seated on a chair or stool, wearing shoes, but more often going without, she reintroduced the audience to the many voices of Los Angeles, 1992.

Running into Deavere Smith's Cornell West, comfortably sipping Courvoisier, smoking a slim cigarette, was a surprise. The authenticity of her characterizations never flagged. The next day donning a jacket, seeing a night stick, a cap turned to the side, sequined spectacles, or maybe just a scarf tossed over a shoulder just so, was enough to conjure up some of the many characters from the play.

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tation, "A Flute for All Seasons." Wendy Rolfe and Greer Ellison will play early flutes; Jonathan Salzedo, harpsichord; Farley Pearce, baroque cello; and guest artist Eileen Hadidian, early flute.

Rolfe and Ellison have been performing together since their college years at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Both have done extensive study on early flutes, from the one-keyed baroque flute to the Boehm system flute.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Tickets are \$15 and \$13, and reservations are recommended. Call 524-5661.

### Organist extraordinaire

Walt Strony, internationally recognized and twice named Organist of the Year by the American Theatre Organ Society, will perform Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 p.m. at Berkeley Community Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information call 644-2707.

## Insects

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queen bee if she weren't such a ringer for Miss Piggy—Adamson seems a visitor from a different species.

And lest there be any doubt of that, the boozy, loutish Alabaster son, Edgar (Douglas Henshall), warns him, "You're not one of us... don't get too comfortable."

Although foreboding string music reinforces the suspicion that all is not sunny in this seemingly paradisiacal country setting, William Adamson's fortunes seem to be on the rise when the succulently gorgeous oldest daughter, Eugenia (Patsy Kensit), surprisingly consents to marry him.

Lovely images of butterflies and drifting rose petals are counterbalanced by spooky-looking moths and close-ups of caterpil-

lars struggling out of their pupae.

In the household, black-clad, drone-like servants scurry around the corridors, and the constant presence of the somber but attractive poor relation, Matty Crompton (Kristin Scott Thomas), suggests that even the smitten Adamson may be open to other amorous possibilities.

*Angels & Insects* proposes that the Victorian Age wasn't as prim and, well, "Victorian" as its reputation, a notion that's hardly breaking news these days. Nor are we taken entirely by surprise at the film's denouement, a development that the audience can see coming well before the protagonist does.

But what the film lacks in shock value it makes up for in languorous beauty. Those Victorians! They never looked so good-and acted so naughty.

## Peck

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occasion and was present at the opening of Zellerbach Hall in 1968.

The afternoon event, entitled "A Conversation with Gregory Peck," was remarkable on several scores. Not only did it mark the return of a renowned alumnus, it also initiated a series of guest talks he will give throughout the country. The screen star, soon to turn 80, was introduced by Robert Cole, director of Cal Performances, who concluded by stating that Peck's had been a "life lived with honor and sustained with dignity." Several examples which emerged in the course of the ensuing discussion reinforced this statement.

The program began with a collage of film clips showing the range of Peck's career — everything from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to several song-and-dance sequences from a Jack Benny television special (with Benny and George Burns as dancing partners). Then came the man himself, who regaled the audience for the next hour and a half with delightful anecdotes and reminiscences.

Through his droll and informative stories, we learned many things about the actor: about his idyllic childhood in La Jolla when the town was so small that houses had names instead of street numbers; about the humor of his Irish-American father from whom Peck certainly inherited a great storytelling ability; and one of the

most poignant of all stories, about his future wife, the young French reporter from France Soir who gave up an exclusive interview with Albert Schweitzer in favor of a date with Peck.

Peck told how, following college graduation, he moved to New York where he pursued a serious study of acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse. After two years, he matriculated and was immediately given a small role in a touring company of *The Doctor's Dilemma*, with a cast headed by the great Katherine Cornell. Several plays later, he ventured to Hollywood and the rest, as they say, is history.

Some of Peck's fondest reminiscences involved the making of certain films, particularly *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Boys from Brazil*. He made the latter for two reasons: to prove he could play character roles and to have the opportunity of working with Sir Laurence Olivier. Once, while shooting a scene for "Mockingbird," he saw the author of the autobiographical work, Harper Lee, shedding tears. Afterwards he asked her why she had been crying. Her reply was, "Oh, Gregory, you've got a little potbelly, just like my daddy."

During a question-and-answer session, Peck's answers were always factual, tactful and honest. He spoke about the La Jolla Playhouse which he and fellow actors from Hollywood founded in 1947 and performed in for several seasons thereafter; about his refusal to become a "contract player" and

his insistence on remaining independent from any one studio; and about his dislike of most contemporary films because of the proliferation of violence.

The idea of making a guest speaker tour was suggested to him by Cary Grant who, at the end of his career, had begun to make such appearances. He recommended

them to Peck, saying that was a wonderful way to see old and meet new people. The second year Peck will be on such a tour. He seemed comfortable at ease in the role, as he often on screen.

The afternoon closed, begun, with a standing ovation from an appreciative crowd.

## Twilight

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*Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992* is one of the many stops for Devere Smith on her now 16-year journey into the creation of a series entitled: *On the Road: A Search for American Character*. Through her literal interpretation of her characters' reality, Devere Smith lends credence to the fact that everyone has a story to tell. If this is the premise behind her *Search for American Character* series, those people who have encountered Devere Smith, had her set their tales to music, then dance them across the stage, are lucky indeed.

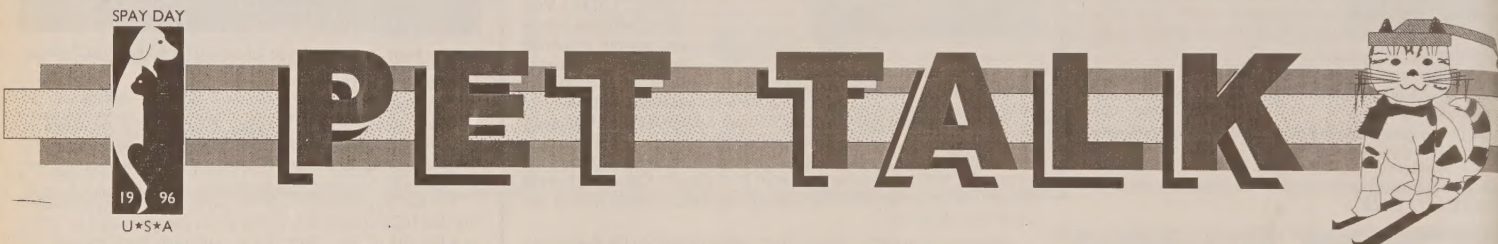
The bathroom was unusually vacant during intermission. Everyone wanted to talk.

People stood in the aisles, leaned over seats, conversing with strangers, friends, about the play. "I never really looked at the video tape of the Rodney King beating before. It just went on and on." "I can't imagine how [Devere Smith] did all those people." "What, you hadn't heard about the choke hold? How it was banned from use? LAPD were killing too

many brothers." "What are something in their 'What about the real estate who spent her three days the riots with other business at the Beverly Hills Hotel, then had the nerve about it later on, on the 'Girl that was too much'?"

*Twilight: Los Angeles* the kind of play you want with a friend. If you don't friend, or even if you do, Rep is offering a series of play discussions, including a price of a ticket, on a number of afternoons and evenings.

Because Marivaux's *of Heart* is now playing Rep's Berkeley theater, Los Angeles, 1992 presents Marines Memorial Theater Sutter St. It runs Thursday, Sunday, evenings and through March 16. Ticket range from \$21.50-\$34.50 on the day of the week, student, senior, and group counts available. For more information call Berkeley 845-4700.



## Oakland SPCA leads the fight against pet overpopulation

by Gary A. Templin, Executive Director

The Oakland SPCA is now the only major animal shelter in the country to spay or neuter ALL animals BEFORE they are placed in adoption, including puppies and kittens. We are waging an all-out effort to battle pet overpopulation, still a major crisis in most parts of the country.

As of last summer, we committed our resources to a new early spay/neuter program to ensure that visitors wanting to adopt

see only spayed or neutered animals. This new policy ensures that no adopted animal from the Oakland SPCA will contribute to pet overpopulation. We're the only shelter doing this so far, but we don't want it to stay that way. We hope that we can influence other shelters to follow our lead.

The program was first implemented in July of last year as of early 1995, we are proud to report that all adoptable animals are now spayed or neutered before they are placed in adoption. Puppies and kittens are neutered at eight weeks of age.

Most other shelters charge a deposit which is refundable if you either bring your pet back for the surgery or have it with your own veterinarian. The spirit of that policy is except that too many people are just writing off the deposit as not spaying or neutering their animals.

The policy has already made things more convenient for visitors to the SPCA who want to adopt an animal. In the past, owners had to leave the animal at the shelter for at least a week while the surgery was performed and they then had to come back to pick up their animal. Now owners are able to take the adopted animal home right away and immediately enjoy the companionship of having a new pet.

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## Key Warriors, change the name to 'Oakland'

It's about time the Warriors started treating Oakland with the respect it deserves. For years it has seemed odd to me (and I bet to you) that the Warriors are called Golden State instead of Oakland. I mean what kind of Golden State? The team plays every one of its home games in Oakland and has done that since 1971, so we're talking about a recent phenomenon here. Fans on the West Coast must wonder exactly where this Golden State place is. There's no city on the map named Golden State, no state named Golden State, no nothing named Golden State. So what gives?

I may be wrong, but it always seemed to me that the Warriors are embarrassed about their Oaklandness, as if they're trying to play in some "B" market and want to disguise that fact. Franklin Mieuli never had any problem calling the team the San Francisco Warriors when they played in that town, but after he moved them to the East Bay, suddenly the Warriors became Golden State.

These are not frivolous issues. Oakland, frankly, could use the publicity. Every day people all over the country study the standings and see Golden State ahead of Oakland. The city isn't getting the benefit that, say, Milwaukee or Charlotte receive. A little history pertains to the name change. In 1971-72 the Warriors played six so-called "home" games in San Diego. Because the Warriors had two cities, Mieuli had to find a generic name, and came up with Golden State. But that was 25 years ago. You'd think in the intervening two-plus decades someone could have done something about fixing the name.

Cut to the present. After talking with San Jose and San Francisco, the Warriors seem ready to stay in Oakland. They're negotiating with Oakland and Alameda County for a complete renovation of the dilapidated, tiny Coliseum Arena, a job that would be privately financed. "To the best of my knowledge the intention from Day One for this to be privately funded," George Vukasin, head of the Coliseum Commission, recently told me. "We intend to use ticket revenues a la the Raiders to guarantee necessary funding."

Part of the package, as you might expect, would include personal seat licenses. The Warriors are even negotiating with the Cow Palace to play there next season while the Coliseum gets its beauty treatment. All of which means this is a perfect time to bring up the issue of a name change. Like, if you're going to commit to Oakland, why not really commit?

Phoned Warriors lawyer John Baggett to ask if they're ready to change the name. "That's under consideration," Baggett replied. "Well, why not?" Baggett explained, "Oakland brought it up. We told them we would consider it, but not now. It doesn't make sense now." It doesn't make sense, he said, because if the Warriors play in the San Francisco next season, the name Oakland would seem off the wall. OK, Baggett had me there. What about when they come back to Oakland in 1997? "I said, 'Surely you'll change the name then.'"

Baggett said the Warriors would have to seek league approval for a name change. "I said, thinking how you

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If you think playing Frisbee is for recreation only, think again. In the Ultimate game, players go hard after the disc Saturday in the El Cerrito Tournament.

Jeff Lindquist

## It's the Ultimate team game

It's rough, it's tumble, it's Frisbee for real — El Cerrito-style

Within a period of less than one minute, exclamations of "Hard defense," "Run, run," "Good cut," "Go line," "I got it, I got it," "Stay on your man," followed loudly and energetically one after another. Surprisingly, this was not a game of basketball, football, or even soccer. The enthused athletes at this El Cerrito High tournament were playing Ultimate.

Although the throwing of the Frisbee in Ultimate is based upon the relaxing game almost everyone has played in the park, Ultimate is anything but leisurely. Instead, it is a rapidly paced, high energy team

sport which combines many of the same key strategies and athletic skills required for soccer, basketball, and football.

Last Saturday EC hosted its first ever Ultimate Tournament in which it played Monte Vista, Davis, and Palo Alto. Though Davis emerged victorious from the tournament, EC's positive attitude, quickness, and caliber of their athletes will be crucial in the development of this new sport.

The object of the ultimate is for the seven players on each team to move the disc up the field through a series of passes. Once a team has

scored by catching the disc in the end zone, it then launches the disc from one end of the field to the other. The offense retrieves it and the teams switch direction of play. Unlike other sports, in which games last for a specific period of time, Ultimate games continue until one team has 13 points and leads by no fewer than two.

It might seem that moving the disc from one end of the field to the other would not be too difficult, but the athletes' muddy knees and sweaty jerseys reveal

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## Albany's coach castigates St. Joe coach

Albany's highly regarded women's soccer coach, Della Martinez, took the offense at the postseason ACCAL coaches meeting at Bishop O'Dowd Monday night.

The architect of Albany's rise to a soccer power castigated St. Joseph's coach Luis Aguilar for handing a forfeit to Piedmont on Sunday, after insisting twice to Martinez that he would play the game, according to Martinez.

Albany (10-2) took over second place in the league after Saturday's win over St. Joe, but Piedmont had a makeup game with the Pilots scheduled for Monday. A win would have put Piedmont ahead of Albany.

When Martinez discovered that Aguilar had forfeited to Piedmont, which she insisted was an apparent ploy to rest his players for the rematch on Tuesday with Albany, she called Aguilar on the carpet.

"You could have played today," she challenged him in the meeting. "It's poor sportsmanship. You deprived your players of a game. You had every opportunity of scheduling your game with Piedmont earlier."

She then addressed ACCAL commissioner Bob Roberts, and with the approval of the other league coaches present, asked that sanctions be imposed against coaches for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Alameda coach Horst Breuer added, "He (Aguilar) is penalizing Albany by not playing Piedmont."

Roberts responded by saying, "We're not going to let it happen next year. You can bet on that."

— Gray Cathrall



File 1996

Annie Izaki scored two goals against St. Joseph Saturday.

## It was ugly but so pretty

By Gray Cathrall

If there's one thing coaches shudder to think about, it's the phrase "winning ugly." It rarely reflects the hard work that goes into preparing a high-caliber team, and never displays the team's real ability.

Tuesday's 1-0 overtime win by Albany's girls soccer team over St. Joseph in the first round of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs was ugly to be sure, but it guaranteed that the Lady Cougars will return to the coveted North Coast Section playoffs after a one year absence.

A penalty kick by Sonia Douglas 11 minutes into the overtime salvaged Albany's season, after the Cougars had missed an earlier PK.

The fact that Albany breezed past St. Joseph 4-0 on Saturday made the overtime win disconcerting to Cougars coach Della Martinez.

"It was an ugly game. Nothing was going right. We couldn't score, we were into overtime and it was getting dark," she said. "I was worried. In fact, I was an absolute basket case."

In 1994 in Martinez's first year building Albany's program, the Cougars waltzed into the NCS playoffs in the maiden year of the expanded ACCAL that was guaranteed four slots in the playoffs. The four strongest teams in the 10-team league were all in the Bishop O'Dowd-Piedmont division, but Albany and El Cerrito went to the playoffs under rules that sent the two top teams in each division.

There was no fluke in the schedule. A three-year effort of Martinez to build a credible program at Albany

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## And a junior shall lead on Senior Night

By David Martindale

Tuesday night was "Senior Night" for the Berkeley High girls basketball team. It was a chance for the Yellowjackets' most experienced players to shine in front of the home crowd and receive adulation from their parents and fans.

It was also a chance for Berkeley to display its power against one of the Bay Valley Athletic League's better teams, Carondelet.

No one went home disappointed. Except for the Cougars.

Berkeley started strong and sustained its energy for the entire 32 minutes, rolling over Carondelet 82-33.

The win came on the heels of the Jackets' 74-27 thrashing of Liberty last Friday as Berkeley begins to set its sights on postseason play.

"We came out in playoff shape," said Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura. "It was Senior Night

and we wanted to play the seniors a lot."

It was a junior, however, that put on the best show. Shavaki Jackson scored 26 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and added six blocked shots to lead the surging Jackets. Berkeley is now 9-1 in BVAL play, 19-5 overall.

Jackson opened the game by making her first five shots and finished the first quarter with 11 points as Berkeley outscored the Cougars, 25-4, in the opening frame.

"We were playing great man-to-man defense, getting a lot of steals and denying them the ball," Nakamura said.

"Carondelet started flat and remained flat," Nakamura said. "We beat them pretty good in their place, but now we're coming out like gangbusters. We're only going to get better. With this talent, this is the way we should be beating



Jeff Lindquist

Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura: 'Now we're coming out like gangbusters.'

teams."

The Jackets totalled 47 rebounds, rebounds that fueled their fastbreak. Nakamura called off his dogs in the second half, but Berkeley's halfcourt execution was so effective,

the Cougars couldn't mount any sort of a comeback.

Brandy Gates and Tiffany Green led the Berkeley seniors with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Last Friday was not Senior Night,

but the Jackets turned in an impressive performance nonetheless.

## Seals seals Panthers fate

St. Mary's all but out of ACCAL postseason

By John Gardella

Mike Seals, El Cerrito's center-forward, has had an inconsistent year; he's had times when he hasn't seemed focused, has missed practices, and has played uninspired basketball. But when the 6-foot-3 senior is focused, the Gauchos are a tough team to beat.

"When he wants to play," coach Chris Huber said, "He can really play."

Seals obviously wanted to play

Tuesday against rival St. Mary's. He came off the bench and played one of the more statistically dominant games in league play this year, as the Gauchos all but eliminated St. Mary's from playoff contention, in a 74-63 Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League game at EC.

The Gauchos, winners of four straight, including a major upset of Bishop O'Dowd on the road, seem to be peaking just in time, with one

game left in the regular season — a key game Friday at home against Alameda.

"Seals was really tough on the glass," St. Mary's coach Jose Caraballo said. "He had a good game."

Seals missed a triple-double by one digit, when he dished out 9 assists, scored 10 points, and pulled down a game-high 17 rebounds. The most impressive aspect of his stat line was that

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## Pittsburg aids Jackets

By David Martindale

The Pittsburg High boys basketball team went out of its way last week to help Berkeley's cagers inch closer to the Bay Valley Athletic League title.

First, the Pirates lost to the Yellowjackets, 63-45, in the rematch of the teams' overtime thriller in January.

Then, Pittsburg knocked off De La Salle, giving the Spartans two BVAL losses and putting them 1-1/2 games behind Berkeley in the league standings. The Jackets (8-1 BVAL, 15-8 overall) can clinch the league title by

winning their three remaining games.

"We control our own destiny," said Berkeley coach Dan Palley. "But it behooves us to play well and work hard."

It would have been hard for Berkeley-Pittsburg II to match up to the nail-biter the teams put on in Pittsburg a month ago, but the Pirates did their best to make the game close. Pittsburg cut a 12-point Jackets' lead to just four points with 3:07 remaining.

Saleem Mahdi hit a pair of free-

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# Ultimate

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just how many challenges Ultimate players face in the process. Like basketball players who cannot walk with the ball, Ultimate players may not run with the disc. But, of course, there is no dribbling either. In fact, the only way in which the disc can get from one end of the field to the other is by being passed. And, because no player can hold the disc for more than 10 seconds, these passes must be quick. Passed rapidly and crisply, the disc often appears to fly down the field in one continuous and smooth motion, stopping only briefly in the hands of players. The defense too, must be alert and careful in this game in which fouls will be called and the disc will be returned if it is stripped from an offender's hands. Athletes must beware of making such violations; however, their caution pales in comparison to the sheer energy and enthusiasm of their blocks and mid-air interceptions.

Thus, in many ways, Ultimate combines some of the most exciting features of the more popular sports. Any given run down the field is complete with spectacular receptions, amazing head-fakes, breathtaking dives, and fantastic interceptions. Though there is some contact in this technically non-contact sport, the combination of finesse, fine tuned skills, and raw athleticism, not the occasional tackles, makes Ultimate such an exciting game.

There is, of course, also the chal-

lenge of tossing a disc instead of a ball. While the trajectory of a ball in the air is often clear, the aerodynamics of a disc are more complex. The disc can fly fast, slow, be made to float, and can be tossed with either a backhand or a forehand. "The fact that there are so many ways to make it fly makes the game more creative and less predictable," says John Fike, the coach of El Cerrito High School's club level team.

With such clear appeal, Ultimate has become very popular on a collegiate and semiprofessional level. According to Fike, there are currently more than 500 adult teams nation-wide and a growing number of college and high school teams. El Cerrito, started its program last year. Although no formal league has been established yet, there are about a dozen high schools in the Bay Area which play amongst themselves.

Thus, for El Cerrito, led by Aaron Bartlett, Brandon Lindset, and Salar Pardovi, the future of Ultimate seems bright. As Brad Norton, Davis's coach says, "High school players are so enthusiastic and such hard players, that they are the future of the sport. We are trying to get young players out there to make sure we can build a solid base."

To many who have not played Ultimate, the question may arise: why Ultimate, if it is so similar to basketball, soccer, and football? One major advantage, in addition to the fact that is an extremely fun and accessible form of exercise, is its unique team dynamics.

According to Fike, "it is the consummate team game in that you can't score by yourself."



Jeff Lindquist  
An El Cerrito player goes after a pass while a Monte Vista defender tries to bring it down himself.

## Seals

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he didn't enter the game until late in the first quarter.

"Sometimes we don't get up for teams," Seals said. "But when we're focused we can play well. This was one of our best games."

EC (16-9, 8-3 ACCAL) enjoyed a double-digit lead virtually the entire second stanza, but St. Mary's wouldn't die. But it seemed that with each Panthers' run, EC would answer with Seals. He had 12 rebounds in the second half,

pulling down nearly every errant shot by either team.

It seemed as though he could have stepped off the court on an offensive possession, grabbed a hot dog and soda at the concession stand, stepped back into the action to put back a missed shot.

After trailing by as many as 15, St. Mary's narrowed the lead to 61-50 on a Daniel Shaw layin with under 2:00 left in the game. But Seals sealed the win by controlling the ball on Donny

Davis' miss, and tapping it in on his third try.

"They out-played us and out-hustled us," Caraballo said. "They were the better team."

The Panthers (10-13, 4-6 ACCAL) opened up a 17-11 lead on an earlier Shaw layup. But EC outscored them, 8-2, the rest of the quarter on four points each from George Phillips and Justin Reid, and the quarter ended in a 19-19 tie.

Kirby Harrison led the Gauchos with

16 point and Davis contributed 11. Seniors Mike Dade and Nate Fripp did all they could to keep SM in the game. Dade had a game-high 19 points and 8 rebounds. Fripp scored 16 points, including four 3s.

It was an important win for EC, and a devastating loss for the Panthers. The Gauchos, playing in the ACCAL Super Powerhouse Division, are one game behind O'Dowd for the second playoff seed, but are two games ahead of fourth-place Alameda.

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paid dividends. The Cougars finished with the second-best record among the 13 ACCAL teams, tied Piedmont for second place at 10-2, and after beating St. Joe this week, will play at Piedmont Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the semifinals.

The winner will play for the championship Friday afternoon, most likely

against undefeated Bishop O'Dowd.

A rain-delayed game, rescheduled twice by St. Joe, finally took place on Saturday. Playing at Curt Flood Field in Oakland because the Pilots had been thrown off Tillman Field, their home field, Albany easily won.

Two goals in the first half by Vanessa Preisler, both on assists from Lindsay Watty, and a pair of second-half goals

by Annie Izaki, accounted for the Cougars scoring. Izaki's header two minutes into the second half off a Preisler corner kick, was textbook stuff. Her 28-yard direct kick from the left corner of the box, Albany's fourth goal, sailed into the top corner over the flailing hands of the Pilots goalie.

But St. Joe's was ready for the rematch at Cougar Field. Late Sunday,

Pilots coach Luis Aguilar forfeited his long-delayed makeup game with Piedmont, scheduled for Monday, in an apparent effort to rest his players for the second Albany game.

The tactic worked for 91 minutes, through a scoreless regulation and into the first minutes of the second overtime period. But Douglas' goal ended any hopes of a St. Joe upset.

## Pittsburg

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throws to pull the Pirates to within 47-43, but that was as close as they would get.

Berkeley went on a 16-1 run from that point on to put the game out of reach.

The Jackets did most of their damage from the free-throw line, converting on 11 of 12 attempts down the stretch, led by Dilone Richard. Richard

hit on all six of his chances from the stripe.

"We didn't pull away until the last few minutes," Palley said. "But it was nice to relax in the last minute or two."

Marcus Williams and Rashidi Barnes, both of whom signed letters of intent earlier in the day to play football at the University of Colorado, led Berkeley with 14 points apiece. They each added key inside baskets late in the game to hold Pittsburg at bay.

But it was tough defense early by the Yellowjackets that gave them the cushion they needed. Berkeley held Pittsburg's dynamic duo of Mahdi and Tay Spears to just 12 and four points, respectively. The pair had combined for 46 points in the first meeting. "We keyed on them," said Palley. "We gave a lot of help to the players guarding them and Williams had several blocks in the first half."

The loss dropped Pittsburg to 3-4 in

BVAL play and 10-11 overall.

The Yellowjackets continued their roll with a 61-50 win over Liberty last Friday. Berkeley turned a four-point halftime lead into a double-digit advantage with a 17-9 run in the third quarter.

"Liberty's not a high-scoring team. We didn't blow them out, but teams know we're in first place and they gun for us. They get up for us," Palley said.

## Cohn

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have to spell everything out with lawyers. "After you move back to Oakland and if you get league approval, will you then change the name to Oakland?"

"We would consider it," Baggett said, "but we're making no promises."

Consider it? Make no promises? You'd think I was asking him to call the team the Siberian Warriors or maybe the Transylvania Warriors.

I called Oakland City Councilmember Ignacio De La Fuente, who gave me the city's position. "We're aggressively pursuing the issue of the name," he said. "It's important for national television exposure and for marketing this city. But in negotiations sometimes you achieve some things and sometimes you don't."

That doesn't sound very aggressive. It's like Oakland is afraid to tick off the Warriors by vigorously pursuing this name thing. If pressed too hard, the Warriors might move to Lompoc or Coalinga.

When I asked Vukasin about seeking a name change, he told me, "We want recognition as Oakland or Alameda County, but the issue of the name is not a deal maker or a deal breaker."

On the other hand, someone close to the negotiations, who requested anonymity, told me, "The city will press for a name change after the deal is finalized and the PSLS are sold."

We'll see.

So here's a quiz: Why do you think the Warriors are not leaping at the chance to call themselves Oakland? Aside from the embarrassment factor, there's something else, and it's really kind of goofy. "There's the value of the existing name," Baggett told me by way of explanation. "We have to determine what we're giving up in giving up the name?"

What exactly does this value-of-the-name business mean? Just this. The Warriors have marketed all kinds of schlock in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and probably in Europe. You know what I'm talking about, T-shirts, caps, sweatshirts, gym bags, coffee mugs, and God knows what else. If they change the name to Oakland all that Golden State stuff becomes obsolete.

Well, excuse me for pushing a point, but this would be a great time for the Warriors to make a good-faith gesture to their home city. They ought to change their name to the Oakland Warriors, no matter how many ratty old gym bags bear the Golden State logo. The "Oakland Warriors" makes sense. It also sounds kind of nice.

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# POETRY

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**NEW LIFE**  
I'm off, outta here, babe.  
I'm no way I'm gonna stay  
in this ghetto  
no more day!  
I got my Sunday clothes  
waiting for my Greyhound  
at this town.  
When I find my new home,  
I'll wait again  
new and fresh.  
I'll wait to follow me — only  
with endless opportunities for

a woman like me.  
I'm gonna find a place where  
color don't matter,  
where I've got an equal  
chance at life.  
The world's opening its petals  
to me  
and I'm not gonna stop till I  
reach the top.  
I'm off, outta here, babe!  
Rebecca Allen  
MacGregor High School

My song is in my eyes.  
It is a quiet song.  
I like my song.  
Jiwon Kang, second grade  
MacGregor Primary School

**SUN AND MOON**  
Moon said, "Sun, Sun.  
Wake up. It's morning."  
Sun said, "Moon, Moon.  
Wake up, it's night."  
Ali Moalem, second grade  
MacGregor Primary School

## Viewpoint

### Time to invest in college fund

By Veola O'Neill and Beverly Henry

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## Students selected for all-state choir

ALBANY —Laura Schweitzer and Kate Bolton-Schmukler, both students at Albany High School, have been selected to participate in the California All-State Honors Choir.

The select group of 160 high school students from all over the state will participate in the program culminating in a choral performance open to the public on Feb. 24 beginning at 4 p.m. at the Flint Center at De Anza Community College in Santa Clara. The program is free.

Students selected for the All-State Honors Choir participate in an intensive program of choral music instruction and rehearsals, led by noted choral director Dr. Lawrence Kapstein, director of choral activities at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

The two students selected from Albany High School are sophomore Laura Schweitzer and senior Kate Bolton-Schmukler.

Laura participated in the 1994-95 Regional Honors Choir held at Stanford University and was also selected to participate in the 1995 California All-State Honors Choir in Pasadena in February 1995.

Both Laura and Kate participated in the Regional Honors Choir which performed in Walnut Creek on Nov. 19, 1995. For this year's All-State choir, both girls will participate as second sopranos.

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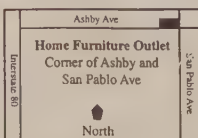
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Letters

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autocratic behavior is the powerlessness of the neighborhoods being imposed upon. Often silenced with the so-called "impact studies" that invariably end up not in their favor thus silencing the last whimper.

I believe that the well-being of Albany neighbors should be of upper-most consideration in the implementation of projects such as this one, where in the name of education, agenda are pursued to the detriment of the ones ultimately footing the bill.

H. J. Howard  
Albany

(Editor's note: The current middle school site was built for approximately 450 students on a school property that is 5.5 acres with the use of five portable classrooms and two portable bathrooms. The site currently houses more than 700 students.)

Misplaced concerns

Editor:  
Robert Outis and the misnamed Citizens for Responsible Government would have you believe that a cardroom at Golden Gate Fields would flood Albany — and Berkeley too — with criminals.

This is shameless nonsense intended to frighten the uninformed. Honestly arrived at figures indicate very little increase in crime around cardrooms. But the study done on San Jose's Bay 101 Cardroom does show a considerable increase. Here's how that particular shell and pea game was played, according to Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo.

Murdo says San Jose police told his department the area used in the study was not just around the card room, but took in two square miles!

It would be pretty odd if crime in a rapidly growing community like San Jose was not up in an area twice the size of Albany.

"Any new business will result in an increased demand for police services," Murdo stated, "but those generated by cardrooms have been negligible. If concern for violent crimes is our sole criterion for allowing new businesses, there may be no new shopping malls or banks."

For years Albany police battled

Cafe

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they just "wing it." They have gotten a lot of advice from friends and family, including a married couple who are caterers: Glen of Grace Bakery. And, they say, they are still learning.

They have learned so well that they added to their business by taking over the Arts Cafe in the Community Center/Library building. Shannon's brother-in-law, Kerry Hoop, manages that for them, but early every morning Ed goes to the Community Center kitchen and bakes his special cinnamon buns for both establishments. They are also expanding that business by catering some of the events that are held in the library or the community center.

And we must mention the art on the wall of the long, narrow room at the front of Cafe Crayon. The paintings done for the Solano stroll were still up when I was there, but they are sponsoring art poster contests in the schools, and that work will grace their walls as it happens.

Another tidbit: They get a lot of customers from the nearby Senior Center. They offer a 10 percent discount for seniors, and those customers delight in interacting with the children.

Sort of a big, happy family ambience. Nice.

Cafe Crayon is located at 1309 Solano in Albany. The Arts Cafe, of course, is in the Library/Community Center building on Marin.

Naomi and Bill Rosenberg are only two of the people who have suggested the McManus' Cafe Crayon to me. I really enjoyed following that up — and the cinnamon roll that went with it.

And I'll follow up your suggestions: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

prostitution, a wide-range of drug abuses including the manufacture of drugs, and many other serious crimes at the former Villa Motel on San Pablo Avenue.

One would expect that Robert Outis and his hard-riding moral vigilantes would have led the battle to rid the city of this sink hole of corruption. But they never saddled up or fired a shot.

However, for some reason the idea of people betting on cards clear across the freeway where they have bet on horses for decades unleashed our self-appointed guardians. It appears a business must pour well over a million dollars a year into Albany's coffers to get the attention of well-heeled CRG members.

I can't help wonder how people of such finely tuned moral sensibilities have been able to tolerate gambling at the track, how they lived with the fear of related crime, and why they subjected

themselves to it all by moving to Albany in the first place.

Anybody who reads the Albany police report in this newspaper will realize how rare it is to see a call from Golden Gate Fields. When I did this column one winter I recall only three or four entries involving the track, and not one for a serious crime.

There is no reason to believe card players replacing some of the horse players who no longer come to the track would generate any significant increase in crime.

What is known is that if Albany loses the bonanza of tax revenue from the card room our taxes will continue to escalate and services will be cut further. If the CRG is really concerned with crime, it should face the fact that with reduced police protection more of us will inevitably fall prey to criminals.

Down the road an Albany that can no longer support itself will

lose its independence and cease to be the city we have known and loved. We will be forced into regional arrangements for police, fire and other services which will not compare to those we now enjoy.

Since this is the ultimate result of the CRG's cynical effort to overturn the will of the majority in court, I suggest it at least have the honesty to change its name to Citizens for Regional Government.

Bob Arnold, Albany

Start discussing issues

Editor:

When are folks (Suzanne Murphy, Letters to the Editor, Feb. 1) going to stop dealing with personalities and begin discussing issues regarding the card room "debate?" Name-calling and

demonizing one's opponents certainly drops the level of discourse a few notches, to the say the least... and makes one think that their facts won't stand on their own.

And, incidentally, it wouldn't hurt to remember that gambling HAS already arrived in Albany; it's called Golden Gate Fields.

Mike Goldman  
Albany

Speak out for the hill

Editor:

Your readers should be aware that Landvest has sold the 4.5 acre parcel of undeveloped land it owned on Albany Hill.

The parcel was recently sold to a group which may seek to build on the property. However, there are early indications that the new

owners may also be in an arrangement which... that acreage, which is on the eastern side of the Hill, contiguous with Albany Park, filled with trees.

The Albany city government needs to let citizens who have a view on efforts to open the parcel as undeveloped space. Please call officials and city members with your view.

The issues is tentatively the Albany City Council agenda for Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Matthew

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MARTIN SNAPP

**Toast Of The Town:** All right! It's about time the good guys won one!

I refer, of course, to last week's decision of the State Court of Appeals to sustain Oakland's liquor store law, despite the fierce opposition of the all-powerful liquor lobby.

Kudos all around, especially to the good people of East Oakland, who have been trying to curb the proliferation of liquor stores (and the lowlives they seem to attract) that has been blighting their community.

Kudos also to their attorney, Dan Siegel. And to the law's sponsor, Councilman Nate Miley, who stuck his neck out when he didn't have to. And to Miley's former chief of staff, Pamela Drake, who worked long and hard behind the scenes to bring this result about.

Ironically, Miley and Drake have had a professional falling-out since this case started. Here's hoping they can bury the hatchet for a brief moment, so they can stand up together and take a bow. They've earned it.

**Thought Police:** Meanwhile, were you wondering why most of the Web pages on the Internet were black last weekend?

It was a protest by Internet users against the new telecommunications bill that Clinton signed Thursday.

The problem is the law's "indecentcy" provision, which would punish people who disseminate controversial information with a two-year jail term and a \$200,000 fine.

A more naked assault on free speech cannot be imagined.

I don't care what side of the political spectrum you're on, this law is bad news.

If you're a liberal, do you really want some right-wingers telling you that you can't provide information about abortion?

And if you're a conservative, do you really want a bunch of politically-correct types looking over your shoulder?

But Clinton says don't worry: He won't enforce this particular aspect of the bill. But what will happen when a new guy occupies the Oval Office? Who will protect us then?

Back where I come from, we used to have a word for guys like Clinton. We used to call them "Republicans."

Speaking of Clinton, our quote of the week comes from University of Cincinnati basketball player Keith Gregor, who had this reaction after the President visited his team's locker room: "Not too many people get a chance to stand next to the President of the United States when they are naked."

Oh no? What about Jennifer Flowers and Paula Jones?

**Blessed Are The Peacemakers:** Finally, I was saddened by a phone call from Country Joe McDonald, informing me that Berkeley's Taeko Yamashita died last month.

She was the owner of my favorite Japanese restaurant, Sakura, on Solano Avenue. I fondly remember her fabulous food and unfailing friendliness.

And her son, Yuichiro, is the owner of the best toy store that ever was: Mr. Mopp's, on Martin Luther King Way.

But her most enduring fame will probably rest with her other son, Shojiro, who was killed in action during the Vietnam War. His memory has been immortalized in the Berkeley Vietnam Memorial, which you can visit in its cyber version on the World Wide Web (<http://www.ci.Berkeley.ca.us>).

That's how she met Country Joe. (As you know, he's been active in establishing this memorial.) He tells me that Ms. Yamashita's family suffered so horribly from the anti-Japanese/American bigotry during World War II, including incarceration at the Tule Lake concentration camp, that they moved to Japan after the war.

But Shojiro was still an American citizen. So he was drafted and sent to Vietnam, where he was killed in 1970 during the Cambodian Invasion.

His mom wrote to then-President Richard Nixon and asked to be allowed to bury her boy in Japan. Nixon, with the compassion for which he was famous, turned her down flat. So she buried Shojiro in Golden Gate Cemetery, instead. And she moved back here to be near him.

The Berkeley Vietnam Memorial was dedicated last Veterans' Day. Even though she was in ill health, Ms. Yamashita somehow found the strength to attend. Here's what she said that day:

"I raise my voice to cry: In a nuclear war, everything on earth will be reduced to nothing — the small happiness each family must build up by endless efforts, the prosperity of countries, everything! We must open our eyes and strive to build a world in which all of mankind, regardless of age, sex, race or nationality, can live as a family."

Amen.

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## Club

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week at the request of executive committee chair Jeff Golden, binds Ladbroke to a full environmental impact report in exchange for the Sierra Club's non-involvement in the lawsuit. A separate lawsuit may be filed by the club if the terms of the agreement are not fulfilled, with Ladbroke paying all legal costs if the Sierra Club wins.

"It's a compromise of our position, but it gets a commitment to an EIR," said La Force as he presented the agreement to the committee.

More than 20 people spoke at the meeting, with tempers running high as usual.

Piper Cafferata, a Berkeley resident who opposes the cardroom because of potential crime and traffic impacts, said "This is exactly what we fear — a closed door discussion where people don't get to participate."

Suzanne Murphy, a CRG member and adamant cardroom opponent, said the club's decision to stay out of the lawsuit gives a green light to developers to railroad projects through elections without a full CEQA review.

The committee, though, seemed for the most part satisfied with the agreement and exhausted by the ferocious debate which has shadowed the cardroom

issue wherever it springs up.

"I don't want to go another month with this monopolizing my time," said Golden when a motion to table the agreement was made. "Norman La Force was the preminent point man (opposing the cardroom), which suggests we should listen to him. Let's move on to other environmental matters."

Committee member, Kriss Worthington, motioned that the agreement be tabled for a month so that members might have a chance to look it over more closely. After failing to receive a second, his motion was dropped and the agreement adopted with Worthington casting the sole vote against.

At the heart of the lawsuit is the question of whether Albany should have performed an EIR on the proposed cardroom project prior to the November 1994 election in which Measure F, which allows Ladbroke to construct the facility, was passed. Measure F guaranteed Albany \$1.2 million a year in tax revenue, as well as land and \$500,000 for construction of the Bay Trail.

Although the suit was dismissed by the Alameda County Superior Court last October, the CRG has promised an appeal. If the CRG were to win its appeal, the decision would set a new legal precedent in which city-sponsored initiatives would be consid-

ered projects under CEQA.

An advisory brief on the part of the State Attorney General, although having a debatable effect on the outcome, was seen as important to both sides of an issue most involved claim the environmental position lies with them. The city of Berkeley also looked into filing an advisory brief, grounds in recent months.

Characterizing the agreement as a "win-win situation," Golden said he was "very pleased" with the best solution in that it was embraced by La Force and Mike Brodsky.

"The Sierra Club is not taking a gamble on the Albany waterfront," Golden said. "A lot of people want to push us into one another. That's what (Monday's) meeting was about."

The CRG's Outis, on the other hand, disappointed the club "lost sight of the fact that litigation is pursuing an environmental project of considerable legal significance."

"They made up their minds before we started," Outis said, "as if the CRG didn't exist."

The recommendation will now go before a national board of directors, which, according to normally supports the committee's position.

## Petition

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council, as presently required by the charter, and replaced by Phil Wheeler, Baker's former appointment to the Waterfront Committee. Jerri Holan, who Baker removed from the Waterfront Committee, was subsequently reappointed to that committee by Councilmember Robert Good. Baker reinstated the rest of her appointees.

"People with different positions regarding the cardroom were removed," Innes said. "What happened has discouraged people from serving and, as a planner, I believe public participation is an essential part of local government. People must feel free to vote their consciences and not worry about saying wrong things. It's especially important with the city as divided as it is now. This will help resolve the divisions."

With people at the ready to help in the effort, the group should have no difficulty getting the measure on the November ballot, Innes said.

"It was a total surprise to me," Mayor Mike Brodsky said of the notice. "It just came through the fax machine and there it was."

"I'm generally positive toward clarifying and putting uniformity into the appointment procedures. There are a couple of things in the language I'm not averse to changing. I think we should take a good, honest look at it," he said.

The mayor said, while there had already been some discussion of the matter prior to initiation of the measure, he plans to talk further with the city attorney, other officials and the circulators before

deciding how to proceed.

One option may be to turn the measure over to the Charter Review Committee for action along with other possible measures for the November ballot now under discussion. Innes said that if a council-initiated measure accomplished the citizen group's goals, she believes "the council should do it."

Councilmember Baker, however, doesn't see a connection between the petition and her action last fall.

"It's a stretch for me to think I precipitated that the citizens' initiative. It's not related to my own actions," Baker said.

Baker said that while she believes "a councilmember has the right to determine who sits and how long and to change appointees if she/he has reason to do so," there are "inconsistencies in the charter that need cleaning up."

As for the stir surrounding her plan to put new blood into the city's advisory boards, Baker said, "If I had it to do over again, I don't know if I'd do it over again. I regret it was taken personally."

In addition to specifying the term of service of committee and commission members, the initiative provides for "automatic removal due to excessive absenteeism, failure to maintain a residence in Albany and conviction of a felony." Otherwise removal for cause must be approved by a majority vote of the council with appointees notified in writing of intention to remove 21 days before the vote. No part of the measure could be amended or repealed except by popular vote.

## Jobs

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so I could see what goes on in a typical day, everything that goes on," said Taylor. "I learned how to book a flight (she booked Romeo for a flight to Seattle), and I even did some filing."

"Before I visited here, I wasn't sure this is what I wanted to do, but I think it would be really exciting."

"With her computer skills, she could pick this up immediately," said del Simone.

If Taylor does decide to pursue work in the travel industry, she'll have a much better idea of what to expect. For Romeo, that's the real value of the shadow program.

"We want students to think about what happens everyday when they're considering differ-

careers, rather than just looking at some glorious job title," she said.

The El Cerrito Rotary Club kicked off the program with a four-member panel which visited Romeo's classroom and presented a challenging issue: Job vs. Work. Del Simone, Glenn Davis, a water treatment consultant, El Cerrito postmaster Ed Kimble, and fire chief Steve Cutright wanted to communicate with students the difference between working at a job for the paycheck and finding fulfilling, satisfying work.

From February through May, one Rotarian will pick up a student from E.C.H.S. and take him or her to work for the morning; the student will then be invited to the Rotary's regular weekly luncheon, at the compliments of the club, to be

introduced to the other member and all morning's experiences.

"At the end of the program, we'll have a student who's particularly interested in entrepreneurship to send to the Rotary Venture," said del Simone. "That's a program, scheduled for June 6 at Mills College. Students will learn how to start a business, work is available in the business field, also break into small groups and start businesses of their own."

This is a new venture for the El Cerrito Rotary but student sponsorship is not. The club continues to send students to the annual World Affairs International Conference leadership camp.

## Goals

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a homepage on the Web at [www.com/homefinder/Albany](http://www.com/homefinder/Albany).

As part of the goal to provide efficient, cost-effective government, reorganization of departments at city hall, Public Works for example, was said to be well under way.

"Professionalizing of the city as a whole, bringing it into the 21st century, has proceeded at a revolutionary, fast clip. It's a different way to look at the way the city provides service," Baker said.

Other specifics talked of as possible ways to achieve the city's goals and objectives included increased participation in regional issues by councilmembers; electoral reform to include campaign financing and proportional representation; charter amendments changing one or more department heads from elected to appointed; increased traffic control; installation of bus shelters; purchase of a permanent home for the corporation yard; purchase of the Veterans Memorial Building; and job enrichment for city staff.

## Chamber

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says Mrs. Nomura, "is a balanced program fostering development of intellect, artistic capacity, physical fitness and moral character."

"We believe this is best enhanced through discipline in a structured environment where students not only learn the basic skills, but higher-level thinking using hands-on experiences — especially in math, science, music and cultural studies."

In addition to academics and music — which is incorporated into every class on a daily basis — Japanese language is an important part of the school's program, and all students are taught to read, write and speak it.

## Guitar

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some concerns about the adequacy of parking lot lighting.

The Guitar Center is a national chain established 31 years ago. Based in Los Angeles, the privately-owned company has 22 stores from Boston to San Diego.

According to Sammy Moir, who will serve as the El Cerrito store's general manager, the corporation is considered to be the largest music retailer in the world in sales, number of stores and number of employees. (The El Cerrito store is expected to employ about 40 persons.)

The store's merchandise is considered "combo," with guitars, amps, drums, keyboards, audio and recording systems, with special accounts for churches and schools.

There are three Guitar Centers in the Bay Area, one in San Francisco, one in San Jose, the third in Berkeley, at Adeline and Ashby avenues. The Berkeley store will move to El Cerrito.

"We feel it's a better building, with better

parking — we don't have any here," said Moir. "It will allow us to have a bigger, more modern store than we have now. It's also a good neighborhood."

Moir said The Guitar Center has learned lessons about the most effective design for businesses since it was established in 1964. The El Cerrito renovation will include those lessons.

With the Down Home Music Store located across the street, "a little music center created in the neighborhood," said Phil Moir. "We're very happy to see a strong going into that block," he said. "The store at Eureka to Stockton is one of the few areas along San Pablo Avenue."

"There's quite a cluster of businesses proposed to other blocks where they're dispersed."

The Guitar Center is expected to open

## County supports Cerrito ADA grant

Contra Costa County staff will support the El Cerrito's application for grant monies for modifications to Cerrito Vista Park. Staff will request \$32,500 to pay for half of the modifications to the park.

Staff recommended the funding for 11 applications out of 26 submitted in that category will be recommended at all.

Janet Abelson, a member of EC Access, the restrooms at Cerrito Vista and the park to be made physically accessible.

The existing driveway, for example, has entry which cannot be crossed by wheelchair.

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the funding March 15.



## sell or remodel? There is much to consider in making the decision

Homeowners, who have enjoyed their current home, but who want more space, often look into remodeling before deciding whether or not to make a move. In some cases, it can cost less to remodel than to sell and buy a new, suitable replacement home. Before you spend a lot of time and effort planning a major remodel, analyze the character of the neighborhood.

If it's made up entirely of other starter homes, it may not be wise to add a sizable addition.

You probably won't recoup your investment if you end up with the most expensive house on the block. However, a small house in the midst of larger houses might be a good redo candidate.

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DIAN HYMER

date as long as it can be done within a reasonable budget.

But, if a major addition can't be done without creating an architectural nightmare, you're better off moving.

The next step in determining if you should remodel or move is to

make a wish list of all the things you need in a home that you don't already have.

Then, get a recommendation of a good architect and set up a consultation in your own home. Discuss the feasibility of creating the additional space you need. It may be immediately obvious that what you want to do is impossible.

More likely, you'll be told that what you want to do might be possible, or that it definitely can be done. If municipal building restrictions have an impact on your ability to complete the project, research this aspect first.

If the project is definitely feasible, then you'll need to get a rough estimate of what it will cost.

A contractor won't be able to give you a firm price until you give him a set of drawings to work from. But architectural drawings are expensive, particularly if you never use them.

So interview several contrac-

tors and get ballpark estimates from each for the remodel you have in mind. If you decide to go ahead with the job, you can have detailed plans drawn and get firm bids from contractors later.

To guard against over-improving your house for the neighborhood, ask your real estate agent to prepare a comparative market analysis (CMA) of your home.

You'll actually want two CMAs: one to determine the market value of your home in its present condition and one to give you the market value of homes in the neighborhood that fit the post-renovation description of your home.

Then take the ballpark cost to remodel and add it to the present market value of your home. How does this compare to the market value of larger homes that will be comparable to yours after you remodel?

If the value of your home remodeled will be more than the

value of the larger comparables, it doesn't make good economic sense to go ahead. But, if the larger comparable homes sell for much more than the expected value of your home after it has been remodeled, then renovating may be an excellent investment.

Don't make the mistake of assuming that a future buyer will pay you back for the improvements you put into your home.

A buyer will only pay market value for your home. If you invest more in it than is warranted in terms of market value, you will be over-improving and you won't recover your investment.

Remodeling almost always runs over budget, so take this into account when you are deciding on whether it's worth it.

Also, keep in mind that you aren't working with firm bids at this point.

It's tempting, once you are involved in the remodeling process, to keep adding to the list of things you want changed. This increases costs, through no fault of your contractor.

An important factor to take into account when deciding whether to remodel or move, is how much it will cost you to buy a new home. Have your real estate agent show you several trade-up possibilities so that you can get a feel for what kind of housing is available, as well as how much it will cost.

A final consideration, that shouldn't be taken lightly, is the hassle-factor involved in remodeling, which can be enormous. Kitchen and bathroom remodels are particularly difficult.

During the redo, the house is always dirty, there's constant disruption, it takes longer than you plan and it keeps you from other endeavors—like work.

But, the results can be immensely gratifying, if you work with quality craftsmen and plan carefully.

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## Changing your home's interior

By Betty Mertens

After living with a decor for a while, no matter how beautiful it is, most people get the urge to change it. But if you've invested in beautiful custom furnishings, it's a little harder to make the change. However, there are a few things you can do to satisfy your desire without having to replace the whole room.

Recently, a customer said she wanted a facelift for her master bedroom and dressing room. Eight years ago she had decorated it with a rose and dusky green color scheme in a Victorian era style. Tea-stained floral wallcovering with mellow rose flowers; a rose and dusky green fabric for the balloon valances, table round, and bedspread; and honeyed beige wall-to-wall carpet laid the foundation for the decor.

It harmonized perfectly with her dark reproduction wood furniture pieces. The client said that she was still happy with the colors and treatments, but wanted to perk it up a bit.

Upon looking at the rooms, it was evident that they needed softening. A lace underlayment at the windows in an ecru color would complement the tea-stained wallcovering. The same lace could be used as an overlay for the table round and also as a ruffle on pillows for the bed. When introducing a new element into a room, such as the lace, it often helps to use it more than once. This con-

See CHANGE on page 19

## National home values on the rise

Home values rose nationally during the fourth quarter of 1995, growing at an annualized rate of 4.3 percent, according to the Conventional Mortgage Home-Price Index just released by Freddie Mac (FRE/NYSE).

The index showed that average national house-price appreciation rate increased 5.1 percent from the fourth quarter of 1994 to the fourth quarter of 1995.

House-price appreciation rates were positive in all of the nine census divisions, with the Mountain and the East North Central states registering the strongest performances in the fourth quarter.

The East, the South, the Central, the South Atlantic, and West North Central states also outperformed the national average.

The Pacific states continued to

show some improvement.

Home values in the Mountain states showed an annualized increase of 7.3 percent.

The East North Central states had the second-highest annualized increase in home values, growing 5.8 percent.

Home values in both the West North Central and South Atlantic states grew at an annualized rate of 5.7 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively; and home values increased in the East South Central states at a rate of 4.3 percent.

These states were followed by the West South Central states, which grew by 3.6 percent; and the New England states, which averaged 3.4 percent.

House prices in the Middle Atlantic states rose at an annualized rate of 2.7 percent, while they

rose by an annualized rate of only 0.9 percent in the Pacific states.

Jointly developed by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, the Conventional Mortgage Home-Price Index features indices for the nine census divisions as well as a national average index, which is weighted by the distribution of one-unit, single-family structures in each census division.

The Conventional Mortgage Home Price Index is released each quarter by Freddie Mac.

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae are both congressionally-chartered, shareholder-owned companies that provide home mortgage funding for two of every five American families.

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## Tax assistance for seniors

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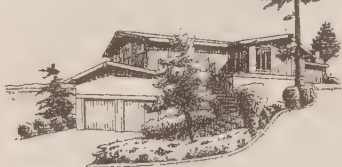
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# Rebuilding on same lot may have its tax repercussions Change...



Work progressed after the Oakland hills firestorm, many homeowners received unpleasant news regarding their property taxes.

Marge Gibson Haskell

the rebuilding of the North Oakland Hills after the 1991 fire, residents assumed that they would receive the same tax basis property tax purposes as they did before the fire.

For many this did occur. However, a lack of understanding of the law as written by those folks in Sacramento has produced some surprises.

The assumption has been that it doesn't matter whether you received the lot you owned before

the fire or on some other lot in Alameda County.

Regrettably, though, it seems from articles quoting the legislators who introduced the legislation to permit carryover of Proposition 13 benefits that this has not been the case.

When you are building on the same lot, the measure of whether you receive the same basis is whether the new construction is substantially equivalent to the destroyed property.

The Alameda County assessor has used the standard that if a

residential property was destroyed and was replaced by a similar property that did not exceed the prior property in size by more than 10 percent, no assessment occurred.

Generally, the assessor has allowed owners to prove the size of the pre-fire property if the owner's records and the assessor's records do not agree.

If the size of the rebuilt property is greater than 10 percent as compared to the destroyed property, the excess size has been treated as new construction and assessed accordingly.

However, if you have acquired another lot or a new residence located at another site, the property tax treatment produces much more serious consequences. In this case, the assessor determines the full cash value (fair market value) of the replacement property in order to determine whether it exceeds by more than 120 percent the full cash value of the property that was destroyed.

Because, in many cases, insurance settlements were based on replacement cost rather than cash value, there is often a substantial difference between the cash value of the old residence and the new.

If the new residence or lot exceeds the old by more than 120 percent the assessor adds the difference to the old Proposition 13 base value and this becomes the new value for the purpose of determining property taxes.

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Thus, when comparable values, rather than an increase in size is the test, the property taxes can increase as astoundingly.

For this reason, if you have changed lots or purchased a residence on an other lot, it is criti-

cally important to establish the cash value of your property before the fire with as much accuracy as possible.

The assessor's office has been responsive to claims if they are filed within 90 days of receipt of the notice (60 days if an escaped assessment is involved).

However, if the proper assessment appeals claim form is not used, and only a letter questioning the assessment is sent, it is possible that the assessor can rule that an appeal has not been timely filed and deny a claim on those grounds.

Regrettably, though the notice of the need to file an application is stated on the notice of escaped assessment or new values, it is not made clear that simply filing a letter of objection or asking for further information does not stop the clock.

These issues are difficult and with the requirement for timely filing it may be advisable to seek professional assistance.

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tributes a sense of rhythm and unifies the room.

These are some things you can do to a room that you have already decorated. But here's an even better idea if you're starting with a whole new decor. It's a European trend that's slowly making itself felt in North America. It's called "reversible decorating."

Picture a comforter with two different patterns—one on one side could be a deep, saturated color and on the other side, a lighter, brighter version, although the two colors do need to complement each other. Throw pillows may have two fabrics on either side so that they are part of the new scheme as well, or add a second set of pillow shams on the bed in one of the colors.

Along that same note, your window treatment can be reversible, too! A drapery with a rod pocket may be pillowcase-lined with the same two fabrics. Installed on a wood pole or other decorative rod, you simply turn it around when you're ready for a change. Add a new set of tiebacks and you've got a whole new look.

Just a little ingenuity will go a long way in adapting your decor to the seasons, or to your own mood.

Betty Mertens is an interior designer with the Decorating Den. She can be reached at 339-9482.

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FIRST TIME OPEN

- 720 MANDANA - Crocker Highlands - Spacious traditional with great wood detail, hardwood floors, large fam rm, 3++BD/2BA. Hot tub & sunny yard. PHYLLIS MILENBACH.....\$325,000
- 1063 MANDANA - New listing! - What curb appeal! Sundrenched 2-story trad in popular Crocker Highlands. 4BD/3BA, intelligent floor plan. Level out patio leads to a glorious yard with fruit trees. Great view of Oakland skyline from upper level. ADRIENNE BROCHE.....\$319,000
- 12825 BROOKPARK - Parkridge - Utterly charming. Pella French doors, window seats, handpainted tiles. 3BD/2BA, fam rm w/stone frpl, private grdn, views! EVELYN WALKER.....\$299,000

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 13 SOTOLE AVE.....PIEDMONT.....3BD, 4.5BA.....\$759,000.....NORM ROBINOW
- 14 CLIPPER HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....4BD, 3BA.....\$585,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
- 15 MARR AVE.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 4BA.....\$540,000.....VICKY FAULK
- 16 MARGARITO.....UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....4BD, 2.5BA.....\$534,000.....KEN MACDONALD
- 2443 BURTON DR.....PIEDMONT PINES.....4BD, 3BA.....\$479,500.....KAY GRUBB
- 8771 RIDGEMOOR RD.....OAKLAND HILLS.....4BD, 3.5BA.....\$475,000.....DON COELHO
- 15 SCHOONER HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....2BD, 2.5BA.....\$424,500.....MARILYN BREMSER
- 10 GRAVATT DR.....NORTH HILLS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$419,000.....DARCY DIAMANTINE
- 1027 PARK LANE.....CROCKER.....3+BD, 3BA.....\$383,000.....RUBY NG
- 1050 HARVARD.....PIEDMONT.....3BD, 2BA.....\$339,000.....FRITZ HOCHFELLNER
- 16 STARVIEW DR.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2BA.....\$297,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
- 18 STARVIEW DR.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$287,500.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
- 1995 PASO ROBLES DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 2BA.....\$285,000.....NANCY DICKEY
- 151 EL CAMINITO.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2BA.....\$255,000.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI
- 14 SPYGLASS.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....2BD, 1.5 BA.....\$238,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL

BY APPOINTMENT • 339-1174

OAKLAND • MONTCLAIR • PIEDMONT • ALAMEDA

- LUXURIOUS NEW ENGLAND SHINGLE STYLE.....\$1,200,000  
High quality traditional home. 5 bedrooms, 5+ baths. Wonderful guest room. Desirable Claremont. Dian Hymer/George Karsant
- PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$799,000  
Commanding curb appeal. Canyon and Bay views, gorgeous woodwork, gourmet kitchen. 6 bedrooms, 5+ baths. Ruth Lockhart
- SPACIOUS RANCH.....\$698,000  
Newer construction. Lovely appointments & upgrades. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Bay view & pretty garden. Rumpus room too. Kay Grubb
- SPACIOUS IN PIEDMONT.....\$567,000  
Large 4 bedroom, 4 bath in central Piedmont. Flexible floor plan, big rec room, formal dining, au pair potential, terraced yard. Dian Hymer
- HILLCREST HIGHLANDS.....\$459,000  
Sprawling level-in 5 bedroom home. 3++ baths, fam room and den open out to level patio with pool and cabana. Great for entertaining. Ruby Ng
- CLAREMONT.....\$439,000  
New 3+BD, 2.5BA with French styling. Formal dining & family rm adjacent to gourmet kitchen. High ceilings, great floor plan & bonus rm. Approx. 1 month from completion. Darcy Diamantine
- NEW HOME WITH WOODED CANYON VIEWS.....\$399,000  
Family room off kitchen opens to yard. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Many elegant touches. Evelyn Walker
- INVITING TRADITIONAL.....\$354,500  
Beautifully restored. Spacious and sunny, remodeled kitchen and baths. Private yard, formal dining, rec room, lots of charm. Dian Hymer
- ENGLISH COTTAGE.....\$349,000  
Absolutely adorable - one-of-a-kind home on huge creekside lot. 2+ bedrooms, gourmet "cook's" kitchen, and home office. Terry Kulka
- RIDGEMONT.....\$313,900  
Pride of ownership on large corner lot. 3BD, 2BA including master suite. Formal dining & 3-car garage. Landscaped grounds. Sherry Benninger
- MONTCLAIR.....\$249,000  
Serene garden setting provides a cozy retreat. Updated kitchen awaits the cook. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with a plus room. Dell M. Orr
- ROCKRIDGE.....\$234,900  
Lots of upgrades in this sharp home with attached garage. Lots of features. Great starter home. A must see! Art Juarez
- GATED MARINA COMMUNITY.....\$199,500  
With pool. Spacious unit at great price. Plus rm is loft. Some water views. 2BD, 2BA. Kevin McMullen
- RESTORE THIS BEAUTY.....\$189,000  
To its former grace & timeless charm. Needs a lot of TLC. Bring your paint brush. Box beams, inlaid floors & more. Vicky Faulk
- STARTER HOME.....\$139,900  
You'll get off to a good start in this lovely bungalow. Home shows pride of ownership. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Ruth Lockhart
- CHARMING BUNGALOW.....\$135,000  
California style all level home on cul-de-sac. Living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen and hardwood floors. Norm Robinow

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 966 CRESTON.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/3BA.....\$519,000.....MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 682 SANTA BARBARA.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2BA.....\$499,000.....KAREN BRAND
- 725 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....4++BR/2BA.....\$459,000.....SALLY HENDRICKSON
- 524 GRIZZLY PEAK.....BERKELEY.....4BR/2BA.....\$419,000.....CHRIS COHN
- 737 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$389,500.....TRICIA SWIFT
- 1513 HENRY #C.....BERKELEY.....2++BR/2BA.....\$315,000.....LYDIA MELSEN
- 588 THE ALAMEDA.....BERKELEY.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$285,000.....THE LONGS
- 1310 KAINS.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1.5BA.....\$199,950.....CHRIS COHN
- 1412 8TH ST.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$159,000.....MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 7501 EUREKA.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/2BA.....\$215,000.....KIM CLEVELAND
- 1017 EVERETT.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/2BA.....\$215,000.....DARRELL HOH
- 18 WILDWOOD PL.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$184,000.....DIANA KAY
- 99 ARLINGTON.....KENSINGTON.....2BR/1BA.....\$224,000.....JERRY RATCH
- 1555 LAKESIDE #94.....OAKLAND.....2BR/2BA.....\$149,500.....MAHMOOD MOKTARI
- 2874 BROOK WAY.....SAN PABLO.....3BR/1BA.....\$119,000.....THE LONGS

BY APPOINTMENT • 486-1495

BERKELEY • KENSINGTON • ALBANY • EL CERRITO • RICHMOND

- GLORIOUS 3-BRIDGE VIEW FROM THE BERKELEY HILLS.....\$519,000  
JUST LISTED! Gracious 3+ bedroom, 3 bath English style home with large master suite, remodeled kitchen & study. The views will overwhelm you & the large level gardens will calm your soul! A must see!
- ELEGANT NORTH BERKELEY TUDOR.....\$499,000  
TOP NORTHAMPTON LOCATION WITH BAY VIEWS! PRICE REDUCED! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths plus au pair. Remod-eled French country kitchen, large living and dining rooms, granite floors & 70 year old Japanese garden.
- SUNNY & CHARMING IN THE BERKELEY HILLS.....\$389,500  
Two-story traditional with gourmet kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite counter, master with marble bath. Bay views. Best value in the Berkeley hills!
- ROCKRIDGE OLD WORLD FOURPLEX.....\$359,000  
Pride of ownership shows in this unique and charming 4-plex. Four 1 bedroom, 1 bath units with hardwood floors, high ceilings, full of light. Walk to College Ave. shops and Rockridge BART. GRI \$35,000
- BERKELEY HILLS IN THE OAKS.....\$339,500  
2 bedrooms, 2 baths contemporary style with lovely wooded views. Great Berkeley hills location, with large living room, formal dining and lovely garden.
- SOPHISTICATED TOWNHOUSE IN BERKELEY'S GOURMET GHETTO.....\$315,000  
JUST LISTED! 5 years new! Small elegant development, this private rear unit has 2 master suites, and 2 extra rooms on the 3rd floor! Gourmet kitchen, and loads of sunlight. Walk to world class restaurants and shops.
- EXCEPTIONAL OAKLAND TRIPLEX NEAR PIEDMONT.....\$309,450  
JUST LISTED! Sunny, spacious units in lovely building with parking and laundry. Walk to the Rose Garden and Piedmont Avenue.
- THOUSAND OAKS CRAFTSMAN.....\$285,000  
JUST LISTED! Striking craftsman with lovely original detailing. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, formal dining with built-ins & sunny breakfast nook. Rear yard includes deck and peaceful garden.
- SPACIOUS LAKESHORE CRAFTSMAN.....\$269,000  
JUST LISTED! Impressive Craftsman with 3 large bedrooms, 1.5 baths, formal dining with built-ins, wood floors, fireplace. Walk to shops, theatre and restaurants.
- STUNNING RICHMOND MIRA VISTA CONTEMPORARY.....\$249,000  
6 YEARS YOUNG! Light & bright throughout. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large family room off kitchen, formal dining...this one has it all! Lovely rear deck and yard.
- REMODELED EL CERRITO BEAUTY.....\$227,500  
NEW LISTING! Darling 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on one level with remodeled kitchen & baths, fam rm plus deep lot. Close to shopping & transportation.
- SUN-FILLED KENSINGTON BUNGALOW.....\$224,000  
JUST LISTED! Incredible price on this charming 2 bedroom home just a short walk from restaurants and shopping. Hardwood floors, fireplace, deck and side yard. Only minutes from UC.
- PERFECT GOLDEN GATE VIEWS FROM EL CERRITO.....\$215,000  
Great views from the spacious living room and patio. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, contemporary style with hardwood floors and fireplace. Maximum privacy. Walk to FatApple's.
- BERKELEY WESTBRAE TWO-STORY CHARMER.....\$199,950  
JUST LISTED! Incredible remodel / upgrades! Custom designed kit with tile & birch cabinets, elegant LR w/2 sets of french doors opening to private backyard. 2BR, 1.5BA, & hdwd flrs throughout!
- 1ST TIME BUYER'S VICTORIAN.....\$165,000  
JUST LISTED! 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in up-and-coming location near cafes and shops, easy commute. Very sunny, high ceilings, move-in condition with private garden.
- ROMANTIC VIEWS OF THE LAKE.....\$149,500  
Exceptionally spacious unit in one of Oakland's prestigious buildings near Lake Merritt. Split level with 2BR, 2BA, & balcony with views. Only minutes from Jack London Square, museum & the Paramount.

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## Area Home Sales

**ALAMEDA**  
901 Del Mar - \$240,000  
3208 Fir Ave. - \$174,000  
138 Orr Rd. - \$231,500  
160 Ratto Rd. - \$300,000  
2037 San Antonio - \$254,000  
8 Sunny Cove - \$345,000  
1373 Versailles - \$260,000  
1528 Versailles - \$240,000  
1311 Webster, #c317 - \$120,500

**ALBANY**  
1225 Brighton Ave. - \$224,000  
820 San Carlos Ave. - \$230,000

**BERKELEY**  
1730 Addison St. - \$125,000  
1646 Bancroft Way - \$155,000  
3099 Deakin St. - \$190,000  
1116 Delaware - \$155,000  
1044 Euclid Ave. - \$360,000  
2716 MLK Jr. Way - \$170,000  
2247 Roosevelt - \$243,000  
1920 Yolo Ave. - \$340,000

**EL CERRITO**  
206 Ashbury Ave. - \$206,500  
7005 Blake St. - \$155,000  
1912 Junction - \$187,000  
7442 Terrace - \$217,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
2 Admiral Dr. - \$115,000

**KENSINGTON**  
263 Arlington - \$250,000

**OAKLAND**  
1605 Auseon Ave. - \$106,000  
51 Bay Forest Dr. - \$450,000  
238 Cross Rd. - \$440,000  
4015 E. 18th St. - \$135,000  
2001 E. 26th St. - \$119,000  
4538 Elinora Ave. - \$180,000  
8065 Fontaine St. - \$136,500  
646 Haddon Rd. - \$200,000  
3242 Kansas St. - \$121,500  
5865 Margarido - \$430,000  
526 Mira Vista - \$301,000  
1131 Mountain - \$205,000  
534 North St. - \$154,500  
4914 Proctor Ave. - \$625,500  
4648 Reinhardt Dr. - \$144,000  
6181 Rutland Rd. - \$471,000  
386 S. Clara #104 - \$139,000  
386 S. Clara #202 - \$140,500  
386 S. Clara #203 - \$135,000  
45 Sheridan Rd. - \$543,500

6745 Sobrante Rd. - \$264,000  
1809 Wellington - \$260,000  
505 Zorah St. - \$160,000

**PIEDMONT**  
172 Estates Dr. - \$475,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
1649 162nd Ave. - \$133,000  
1259 Amber Court - \$232,500  
14143 Doolittle - \$124,000  
15535 Faris St. - \$235,000  
15703 Liberty - \$240,000  
16570 Liberty - \$120,000  
325 Lille St. - \$156,000  
1226 Lillian - \$145,000  
15678 Maubert - \$125,000  
16369 Ria Dr. - \$144,500  
2030 Star Pine - \$205,000  
819 Superior - \$200,000  
15214 Vera Ave. - \$165,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
557 Cornell St. - \$164,500  
16174 Via Arriba - \$145,000  
17151 Via Corona - \$200,000

### WEEKLY SALES STATS

**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES : 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$120,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$345,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$240,555

**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES : 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$224,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$230,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$227,000

**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$360,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$217,250

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$217,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$191,375

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$115,000

**KENSINGTON**  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$250,000

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES : 23  
LOWEST PRICE: \$106,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$254,826

**PIEDMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$475,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$171,153

**SAN LORENZO**  
TOTAL : 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$200,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$169,833

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## Rates steady

In its latest Primary Market Survey released Feb. 8, 1996 the Federal Loan Mortgage Association (Freddie Mac) announced nationwide average for fixed rate mortgages was 5.37 percent, unchanged from previous week.

The rate one year ago was 6.51 percent.

Lenders were asking for an average of 5.33 percent for a rate of a Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgage down from last week's 5.37.

The average starting Treasury-indexed ARM was 5.33 percent this time in 1995.

Rates on the 15-year popular option in the market, averaged 6.51 percent, down slightly from last week's 6.52 percent. This loan was 8.45 percent this time last year.

Freddie Mac is a stock-owned corporation chartered in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to lenders.

Over the years Freddie Mac has helped finance American homes.

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th anniversary.

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**TREASURED BAY-VIEW OAK & ESTATE \$1,600,000**  
Few such "GEMS" exist, let alone being available! 1929 Spanish colonial 4+/- on 1/2 acre. Functional perfection, academy-award kitchen, prestige address!

D. C. HODGES 531-7667



**DARING NEW DESIGN STATEMENT \$690,000**  
Love it or hate it, the quality and setting are overwhelming! 4BR, 3BA plus den, fam rm & 1600 sq ft of decks. Cedar, copper, granite, hardwood abound!

D.C. HODGES 531-7667



**EXTRAORDINARY VALUE \$339,000**  
Radiates throughout this spacious 4BR, 3BA family home. Great separation of spaces, family room, office, marine views and best schools all in a parklike area. 3341 Brunell Dr.

JODY EDMONSON 287-9582



**EXTENDED FAMILIES WILL LOVE IT! \$319,000**  
Separate studio provides privacy & proximity to main house w/3BR, 1BA in great Rockridge area. Also perfect for working at home. 5862 Chabot Ct.

M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583



**SNEAK PREVIEW \$539,000**  
Prestigious 4-yr contemp by Jeff Armstrong. Impressive views of Golden Gate & bay bridges. 3BR, 2.5BA w/quality design. Dream kitchen, high ceilings, grand entry. Call for appointment.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



**REDUCED-TO-SELL-IMMEDIATELY \$499,000**  
Brand new almost finished. Need colors of carpet granite entry for custom home buyer. Level yard, 3+BR, 3.5BA, bay view, stucco galore plus more.

ED LINDORFER 531-8400

## THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

**LOVELY FAMILY HOME-BEST SCHOOLS ....\$620,000**  
You can't miss with this spacious (over 3300 sq ft) & pristine Piedmont traditional w/4BR, 4BA, 2 family rooms, 2 fireplaces.

M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**SENSATIONAL SAN FRANCISCO VIEW ...\$499,000**  
Wonderful 2-year old contemporary w/ views that go on forever. Quality materials & craftsmanship. 3BR, 2.5BA. Open Sun 2-4:30. 12032 Broadway Terrace. M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**OAKMORE TRADITIONAL ....\$419,000**  
Charming 3BR, 2.5BA, formal dining, family room w/2nd fireplace, brick patio, level yard. Quality details, new roof, hardwood floors.

MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

**DISCOVER PIEDMONT PINES ....\$419,000**  
This unique 4BR, 3BA traditional is full of old world charm. Gorgeous oak floors & vaulted ceilings. Magnificent San Francisco & bay bridge views.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**ELEGANT LIVING PLUS \$3200/MO! ....\$390,000**  
Huge "old-world" 2+BR, 2BA, level flat exudes Julia Morgan style! Gorgeous, hardwood, 3 fireplaces! Plus 9 rental rooms w/separate entry to make income!

D. C. HODGES 531-7667

**NEVER EASIER TO BUY, 6 UNIT APT ....\$385,000**  
More for your money, low down, assume existing loan, good cash flow, well maintained, all 2BR units. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**DRAMATIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY ...\$385,000**  
A must for the sophisticated buyer. Located on the sunny side of Montclair, 4BR, 3BA, 3 fireplaces, mstr st w/sitting area, FDR, fam rm, decks, balconies & hot tub. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**CLASSIC TUDOR-PIEDMONT BORDER ....\$379,000**  
Quintessential details of by-gone era w/polished, up-dated kit & baths. Plus spaces, decks, yard & view! Best location. Walk to SF carpool/bus.

STEVE BIASATTI 339-6160 X239

**TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE ....\$369,000**  
Live in this charming brown shingle duplex is perfect for extended family living. Walk to latte and Piedmont shops.

ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

**A-A-H H APPEAL ....\$349,000**  
Lovely foyer entrance, spacious living room/fireplace, formal dining, view of S.F. & bridges, hwd flrs, 3BR, 2.5BA. Wonderful deck, attached 2-car garage.

MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

**NO EXAGGERATION, CROCKER TRADITIONAL \$319,500**  
Level entry 3BR, 1BA main level, au pair w/bath & 2nd kitchen down. Remodeled main kitchen, sunny breakfast room, attached garage w/winter access, formal dining room.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**WHY PAY RENT? COLLECT IT! ....\$319,000**  
Live in this gracious flat with remodeled kitchen, fireplace, lots of rich woods, and pay the mortgage w/rent from the other flat & garden apt. Walk to theater & shops. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**PIEDMONT PINES-JUST LISTED! ....\$299,500**  
Estate. 3BR, 2BA, huge family/multi purpose room/fireplace, slate floors. One level house. 2-car garage.

KEN FERRELL 814-9036

**HONEY, STOP THE CAR! ....\$299,000**  
Best value. 4BR, 2+BA, new construction with a view. Fireplace in family room, large kitchen, formal dining, spa in master suite w/3BR, 1BA in great Rockridge area. Also perfect for working at home. 5862 Chabot Ct.

TOM NEMETH 652-6537

**PERFECT FOR EXTENDED FAMILIES ....\$289,000**  
Sun filled San Leandro home has 3BR down, 3BR up, over 3100 sq ft & plenty of storage space. Beautifully set on 100 x 100 lot, walk to award winning school.

EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**CUSTOM MEDITERRANEAN VILLA ....\$287,000**  
New construction townhome, 3BR, 2.5BA, courtyard garden, master suite has bay view, earthquake insurance, 2-car garage. Great value.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**PANORAMIC BAY & BRIDGE VIEW ....\$285,000**  
Pride of ownership reflects this 3BR, 2.5BA w/family room. All level living. Top location close to Montclair shopping & freeway.

CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**BUYER NEEDED NOW! ....\$279,500**  
Rossmore showplace w/2BR, 2BA & an open spacious family room w/ fireplace. Elegant master suite opening to deck. Countless upgrades. Garage/laundry.

JAN NEFF 655-4811

**VERY CHARMING TUDOR ....\$279,000**  
Gleaming hardwood floors, view, character. Excellent upper Oakmore area. Montclair school. Seller says sell it, very motivated.

SAM GHADERI 531-6712

**CONVENIENT URBAN RETREAT ....\$275,000**  
Creekside contemp w/cosmopolitan flair. 2BR, 2BA w/huge family room. Vaulted ceilings, brick flrplc, oak floors. Walk to schools, & shops.

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160 X239

**THIS IS YOUR DAY! ....\$269,000**  
Stunningly remodeled kitchen & bath. Full basement, garage, ready to move in.

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**UPPER OAKMORE'S BEST BUY ....\$269,000**  
3BR, 2BA in prime location w/spacious sun-filled rooms. Hardwood floors. Large family style kitchen area w/access to private patio.

CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**HURRY OUT, IT'S TOO GOOD TO MISS ....\$259,000**  
1st time open Sunday 2:00-4:30. Stylish contemporary w/wooded view, all new expensive decks, upgraded kit & baths, in pristine condition. 3BR, 2BA, hardwood floors.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**BEST BUY IN PIEDMONT PINES ....\$259,000**  
Charming custom ranch near regional park. Many details, 3BR, 2BA, cozy patio, level-in, sellers motivated.

MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

**FULL OF CHARM & CHARACTER ....\$249,000**  
You'll love this 4BR, 2BA traditional located on a darling tree-lined street in China Hill. Beautiful hrdwd floors that add depth to spacious rooms.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY ....\$249,000**  
Masterpiece built in 1907-Norwegian inspired Art & Crafts gem! Almost 4000 sq ft includes 5BR huge formal dining & living rooms, large private lot. Call for a private showing.

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**MONTCLAIR HILLS ....\$249,000**  
2BR home on level lot, fireplace, spa, bay view, deck, basement. Workshop, fruit trees, prestigious Broadway Terrace

VICTOR FIERO 339-8400

**PERFECT FOR PARTNERS ....\$247,000**  
Quiet Glenview street yet close to everything! Single family home converted to duplex w/large yard & sunny deck, basement workshop & great neighborhood.

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**WHY LIVE IN THE SUBURBS? ....\$243,000**  
El Cerrito south side near Albany, spacious sunny 4BR, 2.5BA in move-in condition. Much remodeling. Walk to schools, plaza, BART, tennis, baseball, hoops or food. NICK LAVROV 525-2727

**NEW LISTING-STUNNING CRAFTSMAN ...\$235,000**  
Treasured 3BR home on double lot in San Leandro's dynamic north area. Corian eat-in kitchen for gourmet. Formal dining. Gunwood trim.

EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**GLENVIEW CHARMER W/PARKLIKE SETTING ...\$242,500**  
Traditional home is a must for the buyer looking for park like gardens, 3BR, 1+BA, formal dining room, newer kitchen, split level large redwood deck, attached garage.

CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

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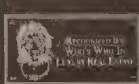
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## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley announces its 1996 schedule of classes.

On Sat., Feb. 17, BEC presents: Hardwood Floor Installation, Earthquake Retrofitting Techniques and Drywall Finishes: Hands On. For information on BEC courses call 525-7610.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair present Flower Arranging by Betty Taylor. Taylor is a master floral designer and is California Garden Club's Flower Arranger of the Year.

The event will be held Tues., Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m. at the new Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3300 Joaquin Miller Rd. Bring your lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. Call 531-6329.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range.

The next seminar is scheduled for Feb. 21 and will feature Red Oak Agent Francesco Papalia. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

Truitt and White Lumber, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley will hold a free Sat. seminar March 9, 10 a.m. to noon. Greg Prinze of "Earthquake Safety" and Dave Lawson of "Simpson Strong Tie" will discuss Understanding Residential Earthquake Techniques.

Get a good overview on current techniques used to stabilize homes. Reservations are required. Call 649-2674.

The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, Cedar at Bonita in Berkeley, presents a special series Money and Spirit. A talk at the March 3 Sunday worship will be followed by a lecture/discussion Fri. March 8 and a day-long workshop Sat. March 9. Explore the relationship between money and spirit in our everyday lives.

Call 841-4824 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mon. — Fri. for information and reservations.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents free seminars on How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Rehab Loan, at 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Buyers of fixer-upper properties use this loan to fund renovations. Investors, first-time buyers and owner occupants, churches and non-profits and Realtors are welcome to attend. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at 528-0767 ext. 17.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces a free 203k mortgage workshop Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, every Tues., 7 to 9 p.m. Call 1-800-801-1320 ext. 240 for locations.

Le Tip International, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliiff at 236-3002.

The Bay Area chapter of the National Association of the Re-

modeling Industry, holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Wed. of every month at 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams Street in San Francisco. Call (415) 255-6463 for more information.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

A non-profit Phantom of the Opera fan club is forming. For information call Alison Trammel at 682-4793.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

## 1996 San Leandro Festival

The City of San Leandro will host the 1996 San Leandro Festival of Homes.

This year's festival provides an opportunity to gather information on mortgage financing, available homes, school programs, building inspection requirements and upcoming community events.

Visitors may attend short presentations throughout the day and meet with exhibitors.

Learn about San Leandro's first-time home buyer program, attend a home buyer certifica-

tion class, pick up information on San Leandro's public private schools and building inspectors, home inspection companies and Realtors.

Decorators from Home Depot will host "How to It" workshops.

The festival will be held Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Community Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

For more information on the San Leandro Festival call 577-6004.

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| 5914 BRUNS COURT, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$569,000<br>Gorgeous trad, gourmet kit, fam rm w/ptpl, au pair. Lge yd. Joan Daniel      | 3333 LYMAN ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$569,000<br>New listing! Hill view, new paint, hwd flrs, big level yard. Bob        |
| 5801 PRESLEY WAY, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$379,000<br>Well kept trad, level yard, walk to BART & College Ave. Francis Heath          | 2315 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$379,000<br>Contemporary cosmetic fixer; good space for the dollar! Bob       |
| 6935 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA.....\$379,000<br>GG Bridge view, wheelchair access from elevator, deck. Thomas Wurst             | 462 RICH STREET, TEMESCAL - 2BD/1BA.....\$379,000<br>Split level with lots of charm and lovely private garden. Sally         |
| 5551 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$359,000<br>SF view 2+bridge view, walls of glass, great outdoor living. Donna Costella | 525 MANDANA BLVD. #403, GRAND LAKE - 2BD/2BA.....\$359,000<br>Penthouse, pano views, new kit, new paint, plus rm, deck. Teri |
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### BY APPOINTMENT

#### PIEDMONT

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| ALBERT FARR DESIGN - PIEDMONT.....\$2,450,000<br>Beautiful park-like grounds, 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family room, library, rumpus, elevator to all 3 levels, pool. Joan Daniel | CENTRALLY LOCATED - PIEDMONT.....\$489,000<br>Two story home with quality architectural details. 4BD/3+BA, cook's kitchen with adjacent family room. Martha Homan |
| MAGNIFICENT PIEDMONT PROPERTY.....\$2,450,000<br>Exceptional home on 1/2 acre. 7+BD/5+BA, rich architectural detail, designer kitchen/family room, library, pool. Georgia Cornell | REMODELED TRADITIONAL - PIEDMONT.....\$489,000<br>Spacious 3BD/2+BA home in excellent condition. Large w/ eating area, rumpus, level-out yard with deck. Francis  |
| HANDSOME PIEDMONT OFFERING.....\$1,795,000<br>Designed for the active family & elegant entertaining. 5BD/4.5BA, au pair, library, fam rm, rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham   | DRAMATIC DESIGN - PIEDMONT.....\$489,000<br>Elegant home w/ architectural distinction & stunning views. 3BA cozy den/family rm, sunny patio & garden. Georgia     |
| ENGLISH TUDOR - PIEDMONT.....\$849,000<br>Superb quality of design, craftsmanship and charm. 3BD/2+BA, den, study, family room adjoins spacious deck. Sally Morrison              | PICTURESQUE SETTING - PIEDMONT.....\$489,000<br>St. James Woods contemporary ranch with mature landscaping. 3BD/3BA, large family room, 2 decks. Sally Morrison   |
| WILDWOOD GARDENS - PIEDMONT.....\$805,000<br>This lovely traditional is accented by wonderful old world details. 5BD/3BA, au pair, beautiful English gardens. Sandi Klemmer       | PIEDMONT - JUST REDUCED!.....\$489,000<br>Traditional with hwd flrs throughout, updated w/ new house window, 2BD/1BA, formal dining, full bsmt. Anna              |

#### OAKLAND

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| PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES.....\$1,129,000<br>Gracious, elegant new custom home. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous kitchen, family rm, formal dining, pool/spa, 3-car gar. Dee Knowland | PIEDMONT PINES BEST BUY!.....\$489,000<br>Lots of space, possible home office with bath, 5BD/4+BA room with fireplace, walk to schools. Francis Heath |
| MONTCLAIR ELEGANCE.....\$495,000<br>Bright and sunny home with 2BD/1BA, plus room w/ dramatic LR, formal DR, eat-in kit, level back yard. Teri                            | CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$489,000<br>Bright and sunny home with 2BD/1BA, plus room w/ dramatic LR, formal DR, eat-in kit, level back yard. Teri         |
| MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$424,000<br>Well built 3BD/2+BA home with family room, formal DR, beam ceilings, stone fireplace, huge garage. Helen Danhaki 547-5750         | QUIET RETREAT.....\$489,000<br>Nestled in the trees yet convenience to shopping & 2BA, frpl, dining area w/ doors to patio, 2-car garage. Anna        |
| DRAMATIC TRADITIONAL.....\$389,000<br>Newer construction, 3BD/2+BA, family room with fireplace, luxurious mst ste, many artistic touches. Helen Danhaki 547-5750          | BRIGHT, SUNNY CONDO.....\$489,000<br>Two story unit with soaring ceilings. 2BD/2+BA, plus rec'd grounds with walking paths, pool & clubhouse. Anna    |

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| BRAND NEW - CLAREMONT HILLS.....\$775,000<br>Beautiful new Mediterranean w/old world charm. Exceptional quality throughout. 4BD/3BA, mst suite, gourmet kit/family room. Bill Weissberg | CLAREMONT HILLS ENGLISH TUDOR.....\$775,000<br>This enchanting home offers stunning bay & hill views, 4+BD/4+BA remodeled kitchen, expansive deck, and gorgeous garden. Anna |
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# A pause to remember the passing of a dear real estate colleague

Number 132 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

We are shocked and we are sad to learn of the recent death of a colleague, Fred Mitchell, an agent with JT Ward in Berkeley, unexpectedly died of a stroke at the young age of 63.

We did not know Fred well; we had not even had the opportunity to work on a sale with him, but we certainly will miss him.

We saw Fred just a couple of weeks ago at a house he was holding open. Tall and lean, tanned and fine looking, he was rather formal and very gracious. He greeted us with a smile just inside the door.

We had gone to that house, not because we had a client who might buy it, but because of the unusual and appealing description Fred had offered of the house.

As a part of the multiple listing remarks, he wrote, "The entire property reflects the great spirit of the late owner." We didn't want to miss this house.

Relaxed and conversational, Fred told us that morning that he had been a neighbor of the owner



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for a number of years. He said she was a remarkable woman who lived well into her nineties.

She'd had this house built for herself 45 years before, designed it, maintained it to perfection, had lived there until she died.

He stood in the wider-than-usual front hall and said that the owner's intention must have been to allow for a staircase. She'd had plans drawn up for extra bedrooms and baths in the large attic, but never executed them.

After all she lived alone and didn't really need the extra space. He talked about the kitchen with its original, now vintage appliances, but no dishwasher. She washed her dishes by hand.

As Fred talked, it was almost

possible to see the woman and to hope that she would come in from the garden so we could be introduced. We were sorry that we missed her.

As we were leaving, Fred wanted to show us something else, special features of the house: two closets in the front hall, one the right size for storing card tables, the other designed to hold table leaves.

These closets and the thought that inspired them pleased him (and us) very much.

Fred took real pleasure in showing off that house. He enjoyed what he was doing; we enjoyed what he shared.

We knew Fred only in the real estate world. We'd say hello when we passed him going in or out of a house on tour. We'd stop and talk for a minute when he was the one holding the house open.

Occasionally we'd have reason to talk on the phone. But we did not know Fred beyond these times, did not know him in the rest of his life; yet we will miss him.

Fred was a pleasurable part of our lives. We were always glad to see him; pleased we were part of

the same community.

Thinking about Fred, surprised about how sad his death has made me, makes me think of the other good people in this business. Most we know, so far, only in passing.

We recognize their faces, we nod and say hello, and sometimes, when we get in the car, one of us says, "I wish I knew his name. He's always so cherry."

Others are people we have come to know and like as we went through a sale together or because we've found the time to talk over the years. These are the friends we can call when we have a worry or a question.

As we hurry in and out of houses, run down to the basement, back out to the front, we ask one another, "How are you doing?" and "Are you busy?" and "Do you have any buyers right now?"

Someone calls out, "Do you have anyone for my listing on Blank Street?" and we call out, "Not now, but you never know," and another voice calls, "Hey, congratulations on closing Smith Road!"

We stop for a hug with a friend on the sidewalk, stand still for a moment in a kitchen, looking out

on a yard and say, "Hi, I haven't seen you for a while. How are things with you?"

These are our coworkers, our colleagues. Although we do not work at adjacent desks, do not take coffee breaks together, or go on the same company picnic, these people are important to us. They give us our feelings of belonging to a community.

We are often impressed and proud that agents go out of their way to make themselves available to one another. They offer friendly conversation, concern, commiseration.

They trouble themselves to give details of closed sales to one another, take the time to help someone else price a new listing, offer the name of a reliable electrician.

There are many wonderful people in this business. There are many that are dear to us. Frederick Cleveland Mitchell was one of them.

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A buying experience

A few weeks ago, after patiently waiting for the snow to fall in the Sierra, Dennis took off in his trusty four wheel drive 1991 Ford Explorer, for a two day trip to the slopes.

He got up early on Sunday morning and after weighing the pros and cons of what foul weather he might encounter, decided in favor of seizing the moment and drove off, banana and coffee beside him, into the sunrise.

I spent a quiet day, ending up at the Y for some serious tread milling. When I returned home around eight the soon to be dubbed "not so trusty Explorer" was in the driveway and Dennis was pacing about with a beer in his hand muttering to the cats. I snuck up and listened quietly. This is the tale that he told.

As he turned off 180 at Northstar after three and a half hours of driving, he noticed that his four wheel drive was not working.

His observation was quickly corroborated by the fact that within minutes, he found himself within the Explorer, nestled in a snow bank, front end sticking up.

Fearless and almost always right about how to get out of a difficult situation, he bundled up and set forth, climbing carefully through the sun roof into the snow and then down to the nearest gas station.

Taking this warning very seriously, he purchased chains and headed back to Berkeley. After five and a half hours of slow and difficult driving, and ten hours after he had rolled out of bed in the morning, he was back at the Albany exit. When he came to his first full stop since leaving the mountains, he noticed that the Explorer wouldn't go into second gear. He drove home in first, and

parked the now doubly vexed Explorer in the driveway. And that's when I came home and found him.

We had thought about selling in the Explorer several times since the spring of 1991 when we bought it. But just like when your kids give you trouble and you joke about trading them in, we didn't. Each time, we absorbed the cost and gave it one more chance.

The rotors went twice in the first 30,000 miles and although they should not have done so, they weren't covered under the extended tip to toe warranty that I had insisted on buying. Then, last summer when it was really hot, one part of the air conditioning went. A different part quit in the fall. Again not much was covered by the warranty. Each time, the people at Albany Road represented the buck to the insurer's representative, who came out and disallowed the majority of the cost of fixing it. This time, we decided, was a true and final warning. The Explorer had to be history.

What, you may ask, does all of this have to do with real estate? Lots! Dennis and I are confident buyers of property, but we are basket cases when it comes to buying cars. We have a 1980 Ford mini truck sans power anything, which is a drag to drive but it still hauls our clients' debris to the dump without complaining, and a 1987 Volvo gets us where we need to go, broken plastic interior parts notwithstanding.

We are awed by those sleek, user friendly autos, still filled with the sprayed on smells of brand newness. We are always shocked by the prices but we are terrified of buying a used and possibly troublemaker vehicle, lest they be someone else's nightmare traded in for their fresh start.

Like many first time house buyers, we feel like babes in the woods, afraid of being taken advantage of by someone who knows more than we do and has no reason to look out for our best interests. The salesman, and by the way, I asked for a saleswoman at every dealership and never found one, works for the seller, not for us. We are on our own engaged the game of car buying. We know there are rules but we have no independent counsel about how to work them to our best advantage. So we get anxious. And I mean ANXIOUS!

In the summer, Dennis drives on uneven terrain in search of the perfect fishing spot. In the winter, he goes skiing in the mountains. He really needs a reliable four wheel drive vehicle. It must be high enough off the ground for off roading but low enough so that our clients and his mother can comfortably get in and out, without a coachman or a step ladder. It must be new enough to be dependable, and it has to look good, after all, we are in business. But it must also be simple enough, without too many frills, to suit our

practical, down to earth personalities.

We begin our hunt by visiting a Toyota dealer in Walnut Creek. I am appalled at the prices and become a viper, spitting nasty questions at the young salesman, who has nothing to do with setting the price. Dennis can't get me out of there fast enough. We leave and I relax. As we drive back to Berkeley, Dennis asks if I would like to be dropped off at home before he goes to look at Mitsubishi's. I take a deep breath and accept the implied challenge.

Can I visit a car dealership without getting nasty and feeling bad about myself? Unfortunately, I cannot. I am stymied by the price, and fangs out, I snarl at the salesman as I climb into the front seat for a test drive. It is clear from our conversation that this is not the car salesman with whom I wish to cast my lot.

Later that evening, recalling the line up of car dealers we'd seen on the way to Davis, we divert a dinner date with an adventurous friend so that we drive up and look the cars and then go on for a short visit with our son, Jonah. We see a red Toyota which we have been told about by a dealer but it has a stripe along the side and looks too bulky for my taste. I decline to pursue it and Dennis says that I am just like an ambivalent buyer who decides that she doesn't like the house because there is no exhaust fan in the bathroom. There is no sales hiss, playfully of course.

We drive around one. And there she is right in our eyes, smiling at us. Isuzu Trooper.

Dazzled, we can hardly call the dealer first thing in the morning. Describing the fallen in love with, we leasing. Our salesman, us that the lease is just a month. So easy. We we'll be renters for the We can worry about the other time. We are going to go pick up our new salesman calls and he is really sorry but he says that the lease is actually \$345.00.

"So you'll pay the dealer ask. "No," he says, "You ask to speak to the manager turns out that the price is a month, it is \$367.00. the general manager and but! We are both spouses and planning our letters calls to the Department of Consumer Affairs when we that this is about buying reforming the car selling.

Fretting won't find a we pull out all of the the Yellow Pages, calling search of a straight forward person. This time we prices be faxed to us so they them in writing. We call

See HENDY

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE  
OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 6101 MAZUELA DR, Montclair new home w/traditional flair pano w/ \$929,000  
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 33 NORTH HILL CT, Claremont Hills stunning 4/3+ w/office, fab kit \$799,500  
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- 101 ALPINE TER, Claremont Pines, new 4bd/3 1/2ba traditional \$789,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206
- 22 SHERIDAN, Upr Rockridge 4bd/2 1/2ba elegant, new, private \$767,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Barry Klein 644-5423
- 5940 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rockridge 5bd/3ba, newl detail/design \$725,000  
Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460
- 5981 GIRVIN DR, @Chelton, 4+bd/3ba in Piedmont Pines, quality \$690,000  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667
- 1260 GRAND VIEW, New constr, 4bd, home office, oak trees, view \$675,000  
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000
- 5951 CHELTON DR, Charming, rustic, 3 frpls, many Oak Trees \$595,000  
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- 1955 MANZANITA, Montclair, luxury 4bd/3ba contemporary \$589,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212
- 14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller Hghlnds 4bd/3ba view hml, frml dining \$585,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 900 AQUARIUS WAY, Montclair 5/4 nw Cape Cod Shingle, 3 frpl \$579,500  
Palmer/Hopkins Associates 547-8695/559-9134 SUN 1-4:30 Bay/valley vws
- 514 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, gourmet kit, aupair, lg yd \$569,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460
- 56 SHERIDAN, Rockridge 5bd/4ba, fab floor plan, lg sunny home \$567,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Michelle Vasey 428-0900
- 2727 LAS AROMAS, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, office, fam rm, renovated \$556,000  
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 7 MARR AVE, Room to roam! 4bd, 2+rms, Montclair, 1/4 acre, view \$540,000  
Coldwell Banker, Vicky Faulk 339-1174
- 3719 BRUNELL, 4+bd/3 1/2ba grand colonial, price reduced! \$539,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, A. Bennett 869-4223
- 6115 MARGARIDO, Upr Rockridge 4bd/2 1/2ba, gourmet kit, Indscpd \$534,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174
- 930 AQUARIUS WAY, Quality 3+bd/2 1/2ba Medit, detached studio \$510,000  
Wells & Bennett, Ellen Nicolopoulos 531-7000
- 5744 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rockridge 3/2+, Keller & Daseking design \$495,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
- 64 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller, new 3200 sf townhouse, 4bd/3 1/2ba \$489,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206
- 2843 BURTON DR, Just listed, 4bd/3ba, upgraded, lv-in, fam rm \$479,500  
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174
- 5800 WESTOVER, Elegant, Piedmont Pines, 3000 sf, woodsy, pvt \$479,000  
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000
- 8971 RIDGEMOOR RD, Striking 1 lv contemp, guest qtrs, very pvt \$475,000  
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174
- 5 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller Hghlnds elegant 3/2+ twns, library, gdn \$439,000  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 3299 BRUNELL, Montclair 4+bd/2 1/2ba w/5-bdrige view \$439,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4236
- 7075 EXETER DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, study, totally remodeled, frpl \$437,500  
Owner 530-5482 Large 3 level w/family room, 3 decks
- 6363 WESTOVER DR, Affordable new constr, grt fr pln, pvt setting \$435,000  
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 531-7000 SUNDAY 1-3:30
- 9 SCHOONER HILL, Custom 2 1/2 twns, 2 frpl, brick patio, vw \$424,500  
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Brenner 339-1174
- 510 GRAVATT DR, Nw No.Hills 3/3, gourmet kit, open fr plan, vw \$419,000  
Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantine 339-1174
- 5681 OAK GROVE AVE, Lg 2-story remod shingle crftsmn, 4bd/2+b \$389,000  
Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1310 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4bd/3ba, 3 frpl, mstr ste, decks \$385,000  
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400
- 223 TAURUS AVE, Wonderful bay/bridge view! 4bd/3 1/2ba, balcony \$385,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Anna Woo 865-4340 SUNDAY 1-4
- 1027 PARK LN, Crocker just listed! 3+bd/3ba colonial, rec rm \$383,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 6935 SNAKE RD, Montclair 3bd/3ba, GG bridge view, deck \$379,000  
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 5810 PRESLEY WAY, Rockridge 3bd/2ba well kept trad, lv yard \$379,000  
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

- 5910 AVOCA AVE, Italian flair in Montclair, details, landscaped \$375,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 5551 BALBOA DR, Montclair 3+bd/1+ba, great outdoor living \$359,000  
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- 3 HAWKS HILL, Hiller, brand new condo, 3bd/2+ba, mstr suite \$359,000  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 884 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Hghlnds 2+bd/1 1/2ba, lg garden, nw \$334,900  
Templeton Company, Trish McEneaney 652-2133 X125 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1049 HUBERT, 3bd/1 1/2ba classic traditional, top area, pool \$349,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Amberson McCulloch 834-2010
- 701 & 691 GLENDORE CIRCLE, "Art Deco" home & lot w/permit \$347,500  
Owner 652-9484/658-5299 Upr Glenview, Pied, border, 3+2+, lv, oaks
- 3341 BRUNELL DR, J. Miller 4bd/3b, lg modern family home, views \$339,000  
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 287-9599
- 6574 CHELTON DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, new listing! views, private \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 4144 COOLIDGE, Lincoln Hts 4bd/3ba, nw listing! rumpus, yd, deck \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- 6737 AITKEN, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, level-in, decks, woodsy, pvt \$339,000  
Marvin Gardens, Wendy Bauman 287-8751
- 6115 ROCKIDGE BL, So, Unique sunny 3bd/2ba, skylites, hdwds \$332,900  
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 663 HILLGIRT CIR, China Hill 5/2+, nw listing, lg fixer w/potential \$329,000  
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 527 CROFTON AVE, Grand Ave Hts 3bd/2ba English trad, huge lot \$325,000  
Better Homes, Steven Blasatti 339-6160
- 720 MANDANA, Crocker Hghlnds 3+bd/2ba spacious trad, hot tub \$325,000  
Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174
- 1063 MANDANA, New listing! curb appeal 2 story 4/3, patio \$319,000  
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174
- 5353 THOMAS AVE, Rockridge, parkridge/level 3bd +rental/in-law \$315,000  
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400
- 2630 CAMINO LENADA, Montclair 4bd/3ba, walk to schools \$310,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Leslie Gordon 428-0900
- 16 BRENTWOOD, Oakmore, new listing, 3bd/2ba, beautiful view \$307,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 869-4214
- 5850 BROADWAY, Rockridge 4bd/2ba w/legal sep unit below \$299,950  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
- 12820 BROOKPARK RD, Parkridge Estates 3/2, hdwds, fam rm, dk \$299,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 12825 BROOKPARK, Rockridge charmer, 3/2, fam rm, pvt gdn, vw \$299,000  
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
- 1201 HOLMAN RD, Crocker Hghlnds charming 3+1, hdwds, garden \$299,000  
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- 4404 SHEPHERD ST, Redwood Hts 4bd/2ba, light, open floor plan \$299,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judy Farrell 450-0631
- 6024 HARWOOD AVE, NEW LISTING! Rckrdge charm 2+ studio \$299,000  
J. T. Ward Realtors, N. Platford 652-5133 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1760 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, value, needs at little TLC \$299,000  
Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077
- 946 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Hghlnds 4bd/3ba, remod kit, aupair \$299,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400
- 85 STARVIEW, Hiller, many upgrades, 3bd/2ba, 2 frpl, storage \$297,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 80 STARVIEW DR, Great buy! view of hills, bay, downtown, 3/2+ \$287,500  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 6995 PASO ROBLES DR, Montclair 4bd/2ba, rec room, newer kitchen \$285,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- 2950 HEDGE CT, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba all lv living, bay/bridge vw \$285,000  
Better Homes 339-8400
- 3962 FRUITVALE, Oakmore 3bd/2+ba dramatic like-new contemp \$279,900  
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- 4045 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1 1/2ba trad, wonderful terraced yd \$275,000  
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000
- 1962 HOOVER AV, Oakmore 3+bd/1 1/2ba, prime location, view, charm \$269,900  
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 531-8712
- 4761 DAVENPORT, 1st open! 3b/2b 2100sf, FDR, frpl, wetbar, gdn \$269,000  
Wells & Bennett, Noli Davis 531-7000
- 5930 MERRIEWOOD, Gardener's paradise, Montclair 3/2 hideaway \$269,000  
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 1948 OAK CREST, Upr Oakmore 3bd/2ba, great kitchen/family area \$269,000  
Better Homes 339-8400

- 93 CLAREWOOD, Upr Rockridge 2+bd/2 1/2ba adj to Claremont gnt \$267,000  
Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077
- 4007 WATERHOUSE RD, Oakmore 3bd/2ba brown shingle, pvt vw \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460
- 6726 SARONI, Montclair 1st open! 3bd/2ba ea, decks, nw kitchen/bath \$267,000  
Better Homes 339-8400
- 3616-3618 FRUITVALE, Dimond, 2bd/1 1/2ba ea unit, income potential \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 2581 EL CAMINITO, Priced to sell! Montclair 3bd/2 updt'd baths, dk \$267,000  
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli
- 368 CAVOUR ST, Rckrdge 2bd/1b extra beautiful crftsmn bungalow \$267,000  
Agent 420-0657 SUNDAY 1-4 Built-ins, oak floors, alarm
- 3135 LEONA, 3bd/2 1/2ba, vaulted ceilings, decks, lv yd, views \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010
- 3933 LYMAN RD, 3bd/1+ba, new listing, new paint, hdwds, lv yd \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 6621 GUNN DR, Montclair 1st open! 3bd, sunny kit, cozy fam rm \$267,000  
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogt 339-0400
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl up, 1bd down \$267,000  
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 2:30-5:30 5% down
- 65 ELYSIAN FIELDS, 3bd/2+ba, WOW! \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Polmesli 869-4241
- 2315 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba contemp, cosmetic \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 1400 FERNWOOD DR, Montclair 2bd/1b charming cottage, nw listing \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460
- 44 SPYGLASS, Hiller, just listed, charming 2bd twnmh, end unit, \$267,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 6907 SARONI DR, Montclair 2bd/2b modified A-frame, xint conditio \$267,000  
Edward Bell Realty 339-9988 Garden, fruit trees
- 4160 TERRACE ST, Piedmont Ave, 4bd/1+ba, must sell! \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, A. daCosta 466-5597
- 3924 ROBLEY TER, Off Pied Ave, immaculate 2+bd, open to offer \$267,000  
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennerfer 531-7000
- 708 SANTA RAY, Crocker 2bd/1ba, redone split level mediterranean \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 6171 DONCASTER, Montclair, 2bd/1ba, cozy, private, frpl, garden \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Susan Casqueiro 834-2010
- 581 CHETWOOD, Rose Garden 2+bd/2b, sunny, oak flrs, nw listing \$267,000  
Owner 428-1683 SUNDAY 1-4 Garage, shop
- 441 RICH ST, Temescal, new listing, 2bd craftsman, frml dining \$267,000  
Owner 654-0383 SUNDAY 1-5 Lg kitchen & yard, bit-in, oak floors
- 462 RICH ST, Temescal 2bd/1 1/2ba spl level, charm, lovely pvt gdn \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 3337 KANSAS ST, Laurel, 2bd, gourmet kitchen, FDR, peacock, \$267,000  
Gadsby & Associates 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4
- 3050 CALIFORNIA, Laurel 2bd/1 1/2ba just listed! move in bungalow \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Martine Erickson 834-5482
- 4443 STEELE, 2+bd/1ba darling traditional \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lani Clarke 869-4210
- 525 MANDANA BL #403, Grand Lake 2/2 penthouse, vw, new \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- 2938 56TH AVE, Elegant Spanish 3bd/1ba spl lv, hdwds, yd/gar \$267,000  
Wells & Bennett, Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000
- 2468 PALMETTO, Dimond, 2bd/1ba redone Victorian, garden \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 2945 CALIFORNIA, Laurel 2bd/1ba, bright, charming, quiet \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, P. Mitchell 869-4234
- 2557 POTOMAC, 2+bd/1ba, hdwds, frpl, office, big yard, grt area \$267,000  
Chang & Hardeman 482-3800 SUNDAY 3-5
- 4425 CARMEL, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1ba, quality property/location, \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010
- 4435 VIRGINIA, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba, move in condition \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Moran 869-4236
- 3945 HARRISON #21, Rose Garden 2/2 condo w/beautiful ame \$267,000  
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- 3945 MIDVALE, Upper Laurel 2bd/1ba, reduced, don't miss! \$267,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 5448 ROBERTS AVE, Maxwell Pk 3bc/1ba, just listed! remodeled \$267,000  
Better Homes, Anida Weyl 746-1949
- 1555 LAKESIDE #94, 2bd/2ba \$267,000  
Coldwell Banker, Mamoud Moktari 486-1495

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.  
DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.





Andrea Urist

OceanView Lofts was designed and built to meet the growing demand for affordable housing, which meets the needs of creative individuals who work from home. These loft condominiums offer access in harmony with comfort, convenience and community for those who share the interest of living part of a live/work environment.

## Berkeley lofts honored for excellence

Andrea Urist, Berkeley Design Advocates (BDA) recently presented an Award of Excellence for New Housing to real estate developer Michael Feiner and award-winning architect Thomas Dolan for OceanView Lofts, a 14 unit live/work condominium development. The awards were presented to fifteen projects in recognition of their accomplishment in the field of urban design in the City of Berkeley during 1994 and 1995.

The winners included residential, commercial and institutional

projects and recognition of private endeavors and public policy. The 20 year old BDA is dedicated to improving the built environment in Berkeley. Its members represent a wide variety of backgrounds, including university staff and faculty, architects and designers, local developers, artisans, elected officials and other interested citizens.

In selecting OceanView Lofts for a Design Award, BDA recognized the understated elegance with which OceanView Lofts combine innovation with practicality.

Among the criteria BDA considered were: aesthetic quality, how well the structure fits into the context of the block and the surrounding neighborhood, innovative use of materials and design and urbanity (how well the building encourages quality of urban life.)

"The buildings of this urban infill development are low key and succeed in being both distinctive and in blending in with their neighbors," BDA noted. "Especially noteworthy are the handsome iron gates adorning both the

pedestrian and vehicular entryways (created by artist/metal worker Stephan Fitzgerald). This is a positive example of this new building form that relates to an increasingly important life style."

OceanView Lofts was designed and built to meet the growing demand for affordable housing, which meets the needs of creative individuals who work from home.

Without sacrificing the advantage of urban life, this setting provides the space and peaceful surroundings to explore creative endeavors. For this reason live/work lofts have become the perfect housing solution for a changing economy, as more people work from home than ever before.

Building with the creative persona in mind, Feiner and Dolan tailored the spaciousness of the open warehouse loft to the needs of future residents. Architect Tho-

mas Dolan, well experienced with the live/work concept, has received design awards for many similar noteworthy structures.

These lofts have 12 to 18 foot open-beamed ceilings with many windows and skylights to provide an abundance of natural light. Because creating and maintaining a sense of community is such an essential aspect of the live/work life-style, all of the units are situated around a professionally landscaped central cobblestone courtyard, with stepped pools and a fountain in addition to lush greenery and redwood benches.

Four of the fourteen condominiums remain for sale with sizes ranging from 600 to 850 square feet with prices from \$99,000 to \$160,000.

Andrea Urist is an Emeryville free-lance writer and artist.

## Hendys...

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dealer in San Leandro, F.H. Dailey, and after talking to two men who are confused by our business like approach, we are connected to Sammy Lee.

Sammy Lee is obviously our man. He understands what we are asking and within a few minutes he has described a suitable red Trooper and faxed us the buying and leasing options. He invites us to come and test drive the car. The three of us cruise up the rain-slicked freeway chatting about the Isuzu.

Sammy tells everything about the Trooper and in a manner which makes us feel comfortable. We decide to buy the Trooper because it is a good, basic, frill free four wheel drive utility vehicle. It is high off of the ground, but Sammy Lee puts us in touch with a vendor from whom we can buy a running board, and the price of the Trooper is acceptable.

I couldn't do business with anyone until I felt comfortable. I needed a straight shooter, a good communicator, someone who I felt I could trust. I told Sammy that I liked him and appreciated his efforts. "You should be a real estate agent," I joked. "Thank you, I am," he said. "I wear two hats." And with a wink, he handed me his business card.

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in The Hendrickson Company. They can be reached at 548-6000.

## Realtors: learn to create flyers

First American Title's Automation Support Services Representative John Timms will present a two-hour seminar teaching Realtors how to create custom flyers on their home computers.

Agents will get an overview of how to create flyers on Microsoft Publisher, Print Shop Deluxe and First American's own Power Prospecting '95.

Timms will also introduce participants to other features of Power Prospecting '95, which include a data-

base manager with follow-up capabilities, a calendar, a seller's net sheet, and a buyer's qualifying worksheet. The program will be presented Friday, Feb. 23, from 9 to 11 a.m., with a continental breakfast at 8:30, at the Oakland Association of Realtors, 1528 Webster St., Oakland.

For reservations, phone Mary Williams of the Oakland Association of Realtors at 836-3000, Ed Brounstein of First American Title at 729-2079, or Kevin Williams of First American Title at 763-0500.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

<b>CALIFORNIA</b> , Laurel 2bd/1ba bungalow, reduced! hwd's, yd \$149,000 Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460	<b>1513 HENRY #C</b> , 2+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Lydia Melsen 486-1495	\$315,000	<b>64 BELLEVUE AVE</b> , Beautiful 4bd/2 1/2ba Med, brkfst rm open to gdn \$769,000 The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400
<b>ALBANY</b> , Adams Pt 2bd/2b elegant upgraded condo, 1200sf \$146,500 Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray Pruitt 287-5904	<b>823 ALVARADO RD</b> , New listing! Claremont 2bd, +rms, potential! J. T. Ward Realtors, Ellen Soriano 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4	\$305,000	<b>33 SOTOLO AVE</b> , Corner lot, 3bd/4 1/2ba, lg living & din rms, patio \$759,000 Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174
<b>85TH AVE</b> , Absolutely adorable 2bd/1ba sunwashed bungalow \$139,000 Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>2063 LOS ANGELES</b> , 2bd/1+ba, new listing! FDR, walk everywhere! Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460	\$299,500	<b>407 PALA AVE</b> , Classic 2-story tradl, 4 1/2, sun rm, lg gdn, view \$749,900 The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400
<b>85TH AVE</b> , Sunny redo, 2bd/1ba, great kitchen \$138,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Henson 466-5761	<b>3042 COLLEGE</b> , Elmdw, 1 family 3+bd/2b, or hm +rental income! Marvin Gardens 527-2700	\$299,000	<b>21 PARK WY</b> , Elegant 3-story tradl, 5+bd, frml living/dining, library \$749,500 The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400
<b>ALCATRAZ</b> , @ Telegraph, 2/1, lowest \$ in nghbrhd, remodeled \$134,000 Harris Realty, John Bickley 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>588 THE ALAMEDA</b> , 3bd/1 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495	\$285,000	<b>331 ST JAMES DR</b> , 4+bd/4+ba spacious solidly built hm w/character \$729,000 Better Homes, Mielko Winnacker 284-9500 SUNDAY 1-4
<b>BAYO VISTA</b> , Roomy condo near everything!! \$89,500 Oak Realty 527-3387 X131 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>1316 JOSEPHINE</b> , Gourmet Ghetto 2bd/1ba charmer Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X118 SUNDAY 2-4	\$269,000	<b>233 ST JAMES DR</b> , Have it all, quality/space/privacy! In-liv, 4bd The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400
<b>ALAMEDA</b> Open Sunday	<b>2245 PRINCE ST</b> , Charming remodeled victorian cottage, walk UC Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000	\$229,000	<b>207 CARMEL</b> , 3+bd/3ba, den & family rooms, charming! Prudential Landmark RE, Dennis Humes 549-8123
<b>SAN JOSE AV</b> , New Listing, 2bd/1ba bungalow, nw cpl/paint \$169,000 Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30	<b>2300 ASHBY</b> , Good starter home with land! Location! 2bd/1ba J. T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4	\$229,000	<b>77 FAIRVIEW</b> , Gracious 4bd/2 1/2ba, brkfst rm w/access to deck/gdn The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
<b>ALBANY</b> Open Sunday	<b>2430 SPAULDING</b> , New kitchen, 2+bd/2ba bungalow, det. cottage Marvin Gardens, Ken Katz 428-4023	\$217,000	<b>48 CREST RD</b> , Filled w/light & charm! In living, hwd's, 3 frpl, deck The GRUBB Company, Sheri Willson Oakley 339-0400
<b>DARTMOUTH</b> , New listing! 2bd, lg attic/storage, library \$229,000 Harris Realty, Terese Ashman 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>1548 KEONCREST DR</b> , Sunny 2bd in quiet location Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X186 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30	\$209,000	<b>136 SUNNYSIDE</b> , Must see! 3bd/2 1/2ba Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, A. Atesian 869-4253
<b>BERKELEY</b> Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm	<b>1310 KAINS</b> , 2bd/1 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	\$199,950	<b>915 KINGSTON AVE</b> , Renovated vintage brown shingle, 4 1/2, gdn The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
<b>CLAREMONT CT</b> , Claremont gem, classic frplan, library, 4bd, FDR \$769,000 The GRUBB Company, John Karney 339-0400	<b>1387 HEARST AVE</b> , 2bd/1ba, charming bungalow, frpl, yard, garage \$197,000 Pacific Union, Carol Crosby 763-6459, 415-929-1211 X219	\$197,000	<b>1696 GRAND AVE</b> , 2bd/2ba, large rooms, one level, frpl, frml DR \$359,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Faye Magee 547-5827
<b>STEPHENS WY</b> , Sweeping SF views, nw 5+bd/4b, 2 lvs, yard \$749,000 Mason-McDuffie, Julie Nachtwey 273-9055	<b>1819 PARKER</b> at MLK 2+bd/1+ba classic bungalow, lg yd, fruit trees Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Chitra Rao 286-7612	\$179,000	<b>1050 HARVARD</b> , Just listed! updt'd bungalow, added 3rd bd, nw cpt \$339,000 Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochstetler 339-1174
<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b> , Spectacular renovation, 2 lvs ea w/deck, views \$698,000 Red Oak Realty, Bob Blumberg 527-0344	<b>1903 7TH ST</b> , 3bd/1+ba, new listing, walk to "in" shops/dining Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460	\$175,000	<b>219 PARK VIEW AV</b> , 2/1, nw on mktl frml DR, frpl, yard, 2-car gar \$269,000 Pacific Union, Carol Crosby 763-6459 SUNDAY 1-4:30
<b>DEVON WY</b> , 5bd/3ba, light & space, views all around \$695,000 Pacific Union, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133	<b>1412 8TH ST</b> , 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495	\$159,000	<b>2 CAVENDISH LN</b> , Very private, charming 3bd/2 1/2ba, fam rm, grt \$ \$275,000 The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400
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<b>CONTRA COSTA AV</b> , 3bd, den, sep. artists studio, gdn, hot tub \$675,000 Pacific Union, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 1-4	<b>7202 A STREET</b> , 4bd/2 1/2ba remodel, grt location nr albany Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$243,000	<b>2461 LONGVIEW DR</b> , 3bd/2ba level rancher with random plank flrs Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SUNDAY 2-4:30
<b>LE ROY</b> , New Listing! Wonderful 5bd/4ba in North Berkeley \$650,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>1017 EVERETT</b> , 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Darrell Hoh 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$215,000	<b>509 VICTORIA CT</b> , 1st open! 3bd/1ba stunning craftsman, dbl lot \$235,000 Better Homes, Earle Shenk 287-9590 SUNDAY 2-4:30
<b>AMBITO</b> , 4bd/3+ba, covered front porch, gourmet kit, corner lot \$649,000 Pacific Union, Dee & Joe Knowland 339-6460	<b>7501 EUREKA</b> , El Cerrito 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$215,000	<b>14695 BIRCH ST</b> , 3bd/1ba, Bonaire, nw carpet, fresh paint, RV pkg Gadsby & Associates, Ben 748-5300 SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2-4
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<b>VICENTE RD</b> , 4bd/2 1/2ba, new, cook's kit, hwd's, gdn, creek \$579,000 The GRUBB Company, John Karney 339-0400	<b>HAYWARD</b> Open Sunday		<b>SAN PABLO</b> Open Sunday
<b>CRESTON</b> , Berkeley 3+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495	<b>1076 MARLOWE LN</b> , 3bd/2ba, patio room, great floor plan Gadsby & Associates, Leigh 748-5300 SATURDAY 2-4	\$164,900	<b>2874 BROOK WAY</b> , San Pablo 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30
<b>ALVARADO</b> , Sweeping SF vws, 4+bd/2ba, in-law, "As Is" \$499,000 Mason-McDuffie, Julie Nachtwey 273-9055	<b>KENSINGTON</b> Open Sunday		<div><h3>Searching for your future home this Sunday?</h3></div>
<b>SANTA BARBARA</b> , 3+bd/2 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Karen Brand 486-1495	<b>99 ARLINGTON</b> , Kensington 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Jerry Ratch 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$224,000	
<b>HILDALE</b> , Gracious, No. Berk Hills remodel, 4 1/2, in-liv, vws \$474,000 J. T. Ward Realtors, Stan Hammond 531-7000	<b>MARTINEZ</b> Open Sunday		
<b>SPRUCE</b> , 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495	<b>251 BRIAR DR</b> , Wonderful 3bd/2 1/2 on cul-de-sac, brkfst nook, deck \$272,500 Harbor Bay Realty 523-1144, Anna Woo 865-4340 SUNDAY 1-4	\$272,500	
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<b>GRIZZLY PEAK</b> , Berkeley 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	<b>28 LONGRIDGE RD</b> , Totally renovated brown shingle, 3/3 nr Village \$375,000 The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 SUNDAY 1-4	\$375,000	
<b>SPRUCE</b> , Berkeley 3bd/2 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495	<b>PIEDMONT</b> Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		<div><h3>Check our Open Home Guide!</h3></div>
<b>VISALIA</b> , 3+bd/2ba, double lots, creek setting, view \$365,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>316 SEA VIEW</b> , 4+bd/3+ba new listing! Exquisite Tudor! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 644-5499	\$1,495,000	
<b>BRISTOL</b> , So. Berk Hills 4bd/3ba, best value! 3000 sq ft \$349,000 Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571	<b>11 SCENIC AVE</b> , Elegant 3-story trad w/4bd, frml living/dining The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400	\$998,500	
<b>BENVENUE</b> , Elmdw brown shingle, 4 1/2, sellers motivated \$349,000 Ward Realtors, Melanie Burr 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4	<b>100 TYSON CIR</b> , 3+bd/2+ba all in, pvt lot, fab kitchen, view \$789,000 Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460	\$789,000	
<b>FAIRLAWN DR</b> , Immaculate updt'd 3/1, secluded, gdn setting \$325,000 Pacific Union, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4			

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Karen Senzig

## Out of Gas

by Karen Senzig

Everything I've ever learned about cars, I learned by accident.

Ever since I turned 16 and they gave me a license to drive, I have had one encounter after another with the great steel beast whom I never tamed. I grew up in the days where boys took auto shop and girls took Home Economics and never the twain should meet, so after the fundamentals of driving were passed, my automobile education was complete. However, like most girls in the 60's, if the key didn't turn on the car, I was lost. The only maintenance that concerned me was not to run out of gas.

This column, which will appear twice monthly with the Automotive section of Hills Newspapers, is for everyone who learned the mysteries of automotive science the hard way, through the adventures of buying, selling, driving and repairing new and used cars. I encourage anyone who has a question regarding any of the above to send it or FAX it in care of this newspaper. While I am no expert, I talk to the experts everyday. If you have a story or a tip to share, I encourage you to do the same. In the upcoming months we will be interviewing our experts and sharing their stories as well.

Tip of the week

This from Carole in our office who broke her key in the door of her relatively new car the other day. When purchasing your new car make sure that the keys are made of solid steel and not some softer metal coated with steel. She now owns a \$60.00 key. (Thanks to the locksmith).

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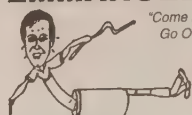
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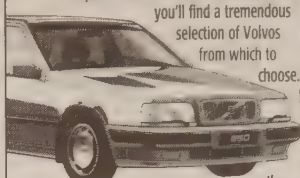
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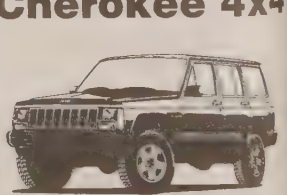


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206 Found

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GLOVES, Isotoner, Chilton Dr. area, January 29th 482-0862.

207 Giveaway

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208 Lost

CAT, Manx (no tail), black/white paws, answers to "Mac". Reward: Skyline/Ascot. 795-2519, 637-9691.

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401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Strong computer skills. Word, Excel, DOS as must. PageMaker helpful. Organization and attention to details. Full-time with benefits. Call the Courthouse Athletic Club at (510) 834-5600, ask for Ed.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, Berkeley home office, 15-25 hours/week, computer literate, comfortable with telephone. Ideal is organized person who can tolerate chaos. Fax 527-7087 or call 1-800-9-Touchstone, leave message.

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Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist. National security business in need of hardworking individual with experience in administrative support and organization. Organized, detail-oriented team player with strong interpersonal skills, knowledge of MS Word 6.0 and Excel and ability to handle heavy phone calls. BA degree. Soccer knowledge a plus. Resume to: Office Manager, P.O. Box 23704, Oakland, CA 94623.

APARTMENT Manager, 19 unit building in Alameda. Large staff in exchange for resident manager duties. Quiet, non-smoking only. Leave message 548-2023 or fax resume 548-1752.

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We have immediate openings for the following positions:

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CONSUMER product manufacturer's representative looking for non-smoking administrative assistant - an organized, detail oriented individual with excellent communication and office skills (10-key, filing, customer service, etc.). Must be flexible, able to learn and follow procedures and enjoy small group dynamics. Successful candidate will have experience in the consumer electronics field, intermediate computer skills (WP, order entry and tracking, Excel is a plus), ability to handle heavy phones in a professional manner. We offer competitive starting wage and excellent benefits in a pleasant, unique working environment. Full-time, Monday-Friday position available now. Please mail or fax resume including salary history/requirements: 510-532-1961. Administrative Assistant, 4200 Park Blvd., Suite 205, Oakland 94602.

COOK, experienced only, part-time, \$9 hourly. Social security, car necessary. Richmond 234-2069 before 7 p.m.

COOK, private club. Experience preferred. Weekends a must. Alameda. Call 522-3273, leave message.

COUNTER Position, 30-40 hours (7-3 p.m.), available for coffee bar cafe. Must have experience, Emeryville, corporate environment, \$7/hour, plus great tips. 547-2477.

DENTAL office, part-time. Front and back office skills preferred. Good office on Solano in Albany. Please call 526-1757 ask for Cindy or Kathleen.

DISPATCHER for reprographics company/ full-time. Handle all incoming and outgoing jobs. Excellent communication and customer service skills. Knowledgeable of the Oakland/Berkeley/Alameda area. Many benefits (health, dental, etc.) are provided. Wages start at \$9 per hour. Please call Dons at 510-261-2990.

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Castro Valley, new facility. No experience needed, will train. Import Company. Susan 881-7330.

GENERAL office help for trial consultant. Part time 25 or 30 hours/week. Macintosh required, bookkeeping helpful. Must have car. Great East Bay location, casual environment, \$10-\$12/hour, depends on experience. Call 654-6900, between 12-2 p.m.

HAIRCUTTERS, children's hair salon, must like children. Ships, 5335 College Ave. #4, Oakland 947-7277.

The Classified Dept. will be closed Mon., Feb. 19, 1996 in honor of Presidents' Day.

The deadline for Tues., & Thurs., Feb. 20 & 22, is Fri., Feb. 16 at 11 a.m.

401 Help Wanted

INSIDE SALES

Part-time weekdays. Dynamic personality needed to sell classified advertising for weekly newspaper group in East Bay. Must have effective communication skills. Prior ad sales experience a plus. Attention to detail. Send or fax resume to: Classified Advertising Manager, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611; Fax (510) 339-6101. Or call (510) 339-8777, 10-4 Tuesday- Friday.

LANDSCAPE Design Assistant. East Bay landscape business in need of hardworking individual with experience in horticulture maintenance and installation. Transportation a must. Part-time positions available. Call (510) 531-1091 evenings.

LEGAL Secretary for Alameda office with Creditors Rights Practice. Part-time or full-time with flexibility. Must have top written and verbal communication skills and Legal Transcription experience with W.P. 5.1. Opportunity to work independently and as part of a team. Fax resume and salary history to: 510-865-0375; Fax Offices of Gary L. Fertig, 2223 Santa Clara Ave., Suite B, Alameda, 94501.

LICENSED real estate agent. Potential \$40,000. Many leads. Established 20 years. Will train 60%-70% Commission possible. Mr. Wei 465-5031.

LIFEGUARDS must be currently certified in CPR, first aid, life saving. Piedmont Swim Club 655-5163.

MARKETING Assistant/ Fashion industry. Fast-paced wholesale jewelry distributor needs extremely organized/ energetic person to help coordinate displays, advertising, catalogs and follow through on projects for key accounts. Sales experience a plus; should be proficient in Word-Perfect Excel. Please send or fax resume with cover letter to:

Attention: Tina Miliken  
5707 Redwood Road, Suite 6  
Oakland, CA 94619  
Fax: (510) 530-2209

MATURE person with phone and high-end clerical skills to assist CPA during tax season. Short-term. CPA, 3756 Grand Ave., #401, Oakland 94610.

MONTCLAIR Village cafe counter help, part or full-time. Some experience preferred. 339-9260.

OFFICE Manager for busy Rockridge/Chlorophyll Acupuncture office, full-time; bookkeeping, computerized billing, good people skills. Mail resume to: 5311 College Ave., Oakland 94618.

OFFICE Manager/ Trumpetvine Catering, Inc. Computer bids (WP 5.1), client relations, strong classical California cuisine and nouvelle food experience. Fax resumes to 510-448-7332 or mail to: 2533 7th St., Berkeley 94710.

ORDER Desk- Clerical/ Training. Phones, Computer, Figures. \$1,800/ Month. Lessor Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612.

PART-TIME assistant for environmental and construction consulting firm. Computer and communication skills desired for office organization, accounting and marketing. Fax (510) 530-3626 or call (510) 530-8661.

PART-TIME Billing Clerk with Medical experience. Send resume: CCA, 1812 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, 94501.

Part-time Database and Telephone Research Assistant

Hi-Tech Berkeley Consulting firm needs a data entry and tele-research assistant to help maintain our European/US database. Hours are 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Possible overtime hours when new projects arise. Salary \$8.10/hour. Additional pay for French, German or Castilian speaking person. Fax resume to (510) 649-1155.

PERMANENT part-time evening and weekend general office/ snack bar position available. Approximately 30 hours weekly. Must have good people skills and own car. Send brief resume, history and personal data to: Box H, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

POOL manager, caretaker manager for 1996 swim season. Applicants submit resume by February 28. Hiring Committee, Orinda Park, Inc., Box 32, Orinda 94563.

PROPERTY Manager needs part-time household and gardening assistant. Must have car. Salary negotiable. 531-2171.

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## 401 Help Wanted

WAREHOUSE worker, shipping and receiving, experienced only. Benefits. Jack London Square. Call 835-1718.

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Freelance, to cover high school sports. Familiarity with San Leandro preferred. Send resume to San Leandro Journal, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94619.

## 402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

**\$40,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL**  
Home typists/PC users. Toll free 1-800-898-9778, ext. 7-7077 for listings.

**\$35,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL**  
Reading books. Toll Free 1-800-898-9778 extension 7-7267 for details.

## HOME TYPISTS

PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 ext. 8-22136.

## 403 Salon Opportunities

STATION Salons: Manicure and Hair station. Great Grand Avenue location, Oakland, Linda. 444-2866.

## 405 Employment Exchange

MOTHER'S helper- 15 hours housework and childcare- exchange room and bath. Claremont area. 549-1849.

## 406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

ELDER Care Advocacy: Experienced; references. Overseas, ensure good care for elders in care facilities. Respectfully assertive addressing clients' needs. 763-9668

OUTSOURCING? I am available for short-term or part-time work in customer relations, computerization, report writing, or quality assurance. Call Allan at 601-5016.

MONTCLAIR Resident: Elderly care, errands, outings, housekeeping, available 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. License #01021451. 655-5690

## 407 Employment Information

Join a career strategy group for women. Get the job you want. Susan Urquhart-Brown 531-2071.

POSTAL Jobs \$15.90/hour. Excellent career opportunity. For application: 818-764-9023 Ext. 6192.

## 408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

ATTENDANTS needed to work with disabled person. Live-in, weekdays and weekends. Call Community Access, 547-2426.

AFTERNOONS housekeeping/childcare, pick-up from daycare, 1 and 3 year olds, Kensington, CA. 558-8076.

EXPERIENCED housekeeper and childcare for 10 year old girl. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday full days; Monday, Thursday half days. COI, fluent English, references required. 510-527-7614.

COMPANION for elderly lady. Light housekeeping, fix meals, week-ends, nights. Must have car. 654-1988.

## 409 Childcare Wanted

**NANNIES**  
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 559-9195; 803-1040.

**NANNY jobs:** Mothers-In-Deed has immediate openings in East Bay. Full-time and part-time, top salaries. (415)461-7755.

AFTER SCHOOL childcare, south Berkeley, 2:30-6 p.m. Children 6 and 8. Some cooking and cleaning. German speaking and car plus. 841-7550.

EXPERIENCED, loving care for 2 infants in our home near Mormon Temple. Three full days/week. English speaking, car must. 530-8466.

CHILD CARE for 3 year old girl in North Berkeley, Monday, Friday, 7-7 p.m. Fluent English, experience and car required. Call Laura 848-0950.

**TUESDAYS and Fridays, 2, 6, pick up 2 girls after school;** drive to piano lessons, etc. help with laundry, shopping. Must have reliable car, insurance, references. 339-9174, evenings before 9.

**NANNIES needed:** Part-time/ full-time, live-in/out, \$7-12/hour. References, experience, car required. 933-2273. Be In Our Care Agency.

**LIVE-IN, part-time, non-smoking babysitter** with car for furnished room in North Berkeley home. 526-1784.

**ROCKRIDGE:** nanny for 2 year and 5 month old boys, car, fluent English. North Berkeley. 510-420-0657

**LIVE-IN childcare/ housekeeper** wanted for adorable 4 year old boy in lovely North Berkeley home 5 afternoons plus Tuesday and Thursday evenings. References and valid driver's license. \$1000/month. 510-527-1131.

## TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES

New Jobs Daily!  
• Danville, live-in, 2 children, light housekeeping. Monday-Friday, 1-8 p.m. \$1500/monthly.

• Piedmont, live-out, 2 year old, Monday-Friday, 7-9 a.m. \$1300/monthly.

• Orinda, live-out, newborn twins, 40-50 hours/week \$1600/monthly.

**Professional experience and references required.**  
CHILD CARE/ housekeeping. Driving required, Spanish speaking preferred, live-in/plus salary. Sue 530-7503.

**HOUSEKEEPER/ Childcare,** Piedmont, live-out. Children 7 and 8. Monday through Friday, 9-5:30. \$1000/month. Car and references required. 652-8391

**SEEKING experienced,** English speaking nanny with car for 2 boys in upper Rockridge. Flexible 20-30 hours/week. 601-0297.

**CHILD CARE:** Oakland, Monday-Friday, 30-40 hours weekly, 3 kids (4-8). \$6/hour. 286-3971.

**ENERGETIC childcare** needed for verbal, almost 3, girl, North Berkeley. All day Thursday, Fridays 7:45-8:45 a.m., 1-6 p.m. English language. Experienced. 524-1464.

## 410 Shared Childcare

LOOKING for child to share great nanny with 8 month old. North Berkeley near Tot Land. Call Elaine 549-0731; 836-3534.

SHARE our responsible loving sister, part-time Crocker Highlands area, 1 to 4 year old, preferred. Call Mac and Betsy 444-6662

SHARE our excellent nanny, available part or full-time in lower Piedmont. Call Hilda 655-8424

## 411 Childcare - Licensed

SUSY'S Daycare, 0-4 years, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. License #01341137. 547-8292.

CARING, sharing and respect for your child age 2 months to 5 years in my home daycare. Meals, diapers and fun! Nicole 848-7470. #013411296.

OVER The Rainbow Daycare, loving, safe, fun, educational, outings, experienced, credential teacher. Deborah, #01020900 339-2066.

## 412 Babysitting Offered

LOWING care for infants or toddler. Experienced/ references. Own car. English speaking. Full-time preferred. 536-7785.

MOTHER with toddler will care for 1 or 2 others at home. Hot meals, trips to the zoo, park and Kindergarten. Call 839-6049.

## 412 Babysitting Offered

OUR wonderfully, responsible loving sister available soon. For name and high recommendation call Katy 601-5360

## 413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408.

## ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in this comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704

EUROPEAN woman looking for job as companion to elderly lady or gentleman, excellent references. 215-8122

TENDER loving care in our home for your elderly loved ones. Call Eva at 525-9205.

EXPERIENCED ladies will care for your loved ones at home. Hourly- live-in. 524-7481.

LOOKING for a caring and licensed professional? Experienced with elderly, children and handicapped. 510-652-1777.

## FINANCIAL

## 501 Businesses For Sale

WATKINS since 1968 now ranked top 10 home business by "Business Startups" magazine. 350 consumable products everyone uses, plus the Nuwater Millennium Water Filter. Start under \$100. Free packet. 1-800-693-1321.

CARPET Business, selling my accounts. 1 complete in Oakland. Gross \$62,000 in 1995. John 310-592-2161.

## 502 Business Opportunities & Services

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## IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, managerial management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle, Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

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12,500 Home based services; Be your own boss. Lucrative potential, repeat business. Restore commercial/ residential ceilings and walls using our simple spray on, cost saving method. To reserve areas call 800-955-1215.

## 503 Financial Services

## CPA REVEALS

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## FOR SALE

## 601 Antiques & Art

ANTIQUES and quality furniture. Oak and game tables, antique chairs, beds. Call Gil (510)233-7010.

TABLES, old and new, 8 ft. top, Victorian plant stands, oak mahogany, maple, pine cabinet. 525-1038

## 603 Garage & Estate Sales

## GARAGE SALE ADS?

See Clip 'n Go on the 1st page of Classified Ads

## 605 Home Furnishings

**15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**  
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

MATRESS Sets, Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofabed, \$259. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-beds, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990.

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 886-8127.

DINING set- 1920's, dark wood, table, chairs, buffet, china. \$700. 834-2467.

THOMASVILLE American oak, china cabinet (\$2500); server (\$700); dining table 2 leaves, 6 chairs, (\$1000); bookcase with doors (\$600). 547-5143.

VICTORIAN Treasures. Antique enameled Tap-top stove, custom-built wooden chopping block with spice rack. 548-8843.

CORNER couch, blue, recliner chair, queen sleeper. \$1000 value, like new \$695. 895-9837.

## 606 Miscellaneous For Sale

STEEL buildings. Factory close-outs! One of a kind, specials, odds, ends. 24x36, 30x36, 38x72, 72x120. Call now, limited time/ supply!! (415)964-8884.

SEASONED almond firewood, \$175/cord. Free delivery. 635-1727; 638-1881 evenings.

FIREWOOD, large supply, 5900 Coliseum Way, Oakland. Open 7-4:30 daily. All types, any amount. Quantities from \$10. Pick-up or delivery. Day 635-1779; evenings 437-9728.

FIREWOOD, split seasoned Eucalyptus/ Pine, \$129/cord plus \$3/mile. \$115 picked up. Oak \$229 and \$215. 339-8425.

CHAPEL of China, Piedmont. Nice and urns. One-half off current retail price. Prime location. 357-4098.

MONTCLAIR Swim Club membership. \$200 plus transfer fee. 531-3254

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club on Redwood Road. Full membership. Price is negotiable. Call 510-523-0330.

COLOR TV 19" RCA and VHS/ VCR. Both work great. \$70 each. 531-3631.

FOR sale- Tunturi Ergometer exercise bike, excellent condition, \$225! best offer. Call Charlotte, 654-7458 evenings

MONTCLAIR Swim Club family membership. \$175 plus transfer fee. 893-0541 before 9 p.m.

## 607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Ives. 547-1278

## BUYING

Diamonds, gold jewelry, rare coins, etc. Albany Coin Exchange, 1107 Solano Ave., Albany 526-4791.

ANTIQUE scientific instruments wanted: Microscopes, surveying, and various (including slide clocks); no electric. Stu 523-1069. Alameda.

"CLOTHES Encounters of the Third World Project". New use for your old clothes and toys. To donate call Antonio 534-8577.

## 608 Musical Instruments

FIVE Zildjian cymbals, Tama heavy duty hardware, throne, snare stand, cases. 750-339-9372

## 609 Pets - Care & Supplies

"SECOND HOME" boarding for dogs up to 30 pounds. Pampering. Licensed Veterinary Nurse Michele 658-9307.

CHOCOLATE Lab pointer mix, female, spayed, loyal, loving, quick learner, 1 1/2 years, loves walks. 530-4201.

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SLEEK elegant, young black female Lab. High-spirited, full of love, scintillating eyes. Lonely past. 510-548-5521

DALMATIAN, pure-bred male, 3 months old, liver colored \$400 or best offer. 522-3783

LUPE'S Happy Critters. All pets sitting service, house calls, walks, feedings, socializing, overnight visits. 895-6360

MANX Cat. Beautiful, affectionate companion. Neutered and box-trained. 640. 651-3661

ALL black Basenji mix yearling, 30 pounds, shots, spayed, companionable, quiet. \$50. 839-1117. Adults only.

## RENTALS

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## 701 Lofts & Live-Work Space

\$1525 ELEGANT live work loft available March 1st, top floor. Jack London Square. Utilities additional. Call Fred 510-832-1015.

## 703 Garage & Storage Rentals

IVY Hill, off Park Blvd., garages and storage units. Secure. \$30- \$200. 452-0386; 763-9150.

WANTED: Storage space. Secure, large, dry. To store excess household items. 601-6343 or 530-2797

GLENNVIEW Area secure garage/ storage. \$75/month. 452-1338

## 704 Housing Wanted

QUIET, responsible woman with dog seeks cottage/ house/ apartment with yard. Albany/ Berkeley area. (510)582-7375.

RESPONSIBLE Piedmont woman, mature cat seeking in-law unit, Piedmont/ Montclair/ Kensington areas. March 1st. 510-652-0576

TWO bedroom home in South El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington. Single mother, great references available. 888-4470

EX-COLLEGE professor/ artist, female non-smoker, no pets, seeking 1-2 bedroom house with workshop or dry garage. Orinda, Montclair, Glenview, Rockridge hill areas. 531-9634

SURGICAL Resident/ wife, seek house rental; Montclair/ Piedmont. Stable, responsible, for 3-5 years. 339-9035.

## 706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$1050 Near Piedmont. Sublet 2 bedroom pent-house. Panoramic views. Parking included. Call 547-7440, leave message

\$1400 GORGEOUS Montclair home. Two bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, beamed ceiling, view, deck, office space. Furnished. March-April only 339-7705

MONTCLAIR Classic, deck, yard, spa. No pets. Non-smoking. Short term. 888-4215.

ROCKRIDGE, 2 months, approximately May 1-June 30. 2+ bedroom house. Yard. Rent negotiable. 653-8482

## 707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast

NORTHSTAR home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, plus loft, hot tub, ping-pong. All amenities. Available President's week February 20- 26 and year round. Gage 652-8797.

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## 709 Alameda

## 710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Alameda

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210-up. Monthly \$750-up. 523-6633.

## 711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$655 and up. 2021 San Jose Ave. Security building, hardwoods, heat paid, small pet okay. Must see. 521-0775.

## 712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$425- \$475 HUGO studios, hardwood, views, laundry, pets, utilities, dining area, appliances. Lower Glenview. 532-4026

## 714 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito: Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

\$575- \$595 STUDIO, Albany Hill, large, quiet, good area, near shops and restaurants. 525-4926

\$750 ALBANY 2 bedroom apartment. Close to schools, library, shopping includes parking. Albany, laundry. 235-8889

\$895 TWO bedroom Albany duplex, garage, laundry room and appliances. May be seen Saturday and Sunday, February 17th and 18th, 1-4. 983 Cornell Ave., corner of Marin. Available March 1st. Non-smoking, no pets

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**\$1315** TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, woody country setting, enclosed 2 car garage, some appliances, fireplace, decks. Monday-Friday, 9-5, 634-9815.

**\$1600** PIEDMONT cute cottage. Garden, fruit trees, 1 bath, fireplace, dining room, hardwood floors, basement, level lawn, separate garage, quiet neighborhood, gardener, washer/dryer, storage, prefer no pets, non-smoking. (510) 638-6316.

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**\$1500** OAKLAND Hills, 2 bath, huge living room, view, large yard, fireplace, security, garage. 932-1376.

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**\$1600** OAKLAND Hills, excellent neighborhood. Formal dining, fireplace, walk-to-walkers, carpets, garden, double garage. 415-826-5761.

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File No. 95-00085  
The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of S.F. ASSIST, at 3312 Betty Ln., Lafayette, CA 94549.

The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on January 5, 1995 in the office of Contra Costa County.

Signed: David Lynn Lortsher, 1950 Third Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 24, 1996.

The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-196  
The Name of the Business:  
ICON-CRETE, 2670 Simas Ave., Pinole, CA 94664.

is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Robert Vargas Torres, 2670 Simas Ave., Pinole, CA 94664.

Robert Michael Torres, 1470 Rutherford, Vacaville, CA 95687.

This business is conducted by Co-partners.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1996.

The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-241  
The Name of the Business:  
BELLA DESIGNS, 604 Mt. Duncan Drive, Clayton, CA 94517.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Cynthia Caruthers Dudley, 604 Mt. Duncan Drive, Clayton, CA 94517.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 11, 1996.

The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-133  
The Name of the Business:  
2 KEEL, 4 Entertainment 2648 MacArthur Ave. San Pablo, CA 94606.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Andrew Keel Jr., 2648 MacArthur Ave. San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1996.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-211  
The Name of the Business:  
SCC INVESTMENT CLUB, 254 Twilview Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94566.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Lee W. Tompkins, 254 Twilview Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1996.

The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-108  
The Name of the Business:  
David Yin, 1346 Bynum Way, Oakley, CA 94661.

is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
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This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1996.

The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-0454  
The Name of the Business:  
MHC Consulting Services, 328 Drayton Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Muhaling Chang, 328 Drayton Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 22, 1996.

The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-269  
The Name of the Business:  
Barbara's Apparel, 11465 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Barbara Fort, 187 Columbian Pl., Hercules, CA 94508.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 11, 1996.

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The Journal February 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-0340  
The Name of the Business:  
Body Bliss Therapeutic Massage, 217 Iris Road (Off. Hwy. 94), Hercules, CA 94547.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Candice K. Bliss, 217 Iris Road, Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 12, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-372  
The Name of the Business:  
Adobe Services, 33 N. Pinole Valley Rd., Pinole, CA 94664.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Antonio Ventosa, 3315 Pinole Valley Rd., Pinole, CA 94664.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 11, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-3012  
The Name of the Business:  
The BFC Company, 1/2 mile East of Jersy Isl. Rd. on Cypress Rd., Oakley, CA 94561.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
David M. Shirley Construction Co., 921 Marie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 16, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 16, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-366  
The Name of the Business:  
The BFC Company, 1/2 mile East of Jersy Isl. Rd. on Cypress Rd., Oakley, CA 94561.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
David M. Shirley Construction Co., 921 Marie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 16, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-567  
The Name of the Business:  
CNB Property Management, 3478 Buskirk Ave., Suite #300, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Peter van der Zee, 743 Johnson Street, Heidelberg, CA 95448.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 26, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-610  
The Name of the Business:  
1. K. Tierney Design, 2. O. HORSE, 103 Vista Heights Rd., Richmond, CA 94805.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
P.O. Box 8613 Berkeley, CA 94707.

Are hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Karen Tierney, 103 Vista Heights Rd., Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-514  
The Name of the Business:  
Societex Creation, 2918 Canterbury Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Robert Clinton, 2918 Canterbury Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 18, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-515  
The Name of the Business:  
Mackin Mob Family Records, 2918 Canterbury Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Ronald Porter, 173 Flint Ct., Vallejo, CA 94589.

Daniel Carter 1227 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Andre Nilas, 348 26th St., Richmond, CA 94804.

Robert Clinton, 2918 Canterbury Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

Stephen Mason, 1227 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Terrance Mason, 1227 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Trini Holman, 1227 Liberty St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Andrew Gardner, 173 Flint Ct., Vallejo, CA 94589.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 23, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 23, 1996.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-536  
The Name of the Business:  
Bay Area Professional Services, 12400 San Pablo Avenue, Suite 124, Richmond, CA 94806.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Timber Harisch, 2646 Francisco Way, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 24, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1996.

The Journal February 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-533  
The Name of the Business:  
Partners In Love, 2412 Aberdeen Way #7, Richmond, CA 94806.

is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Jeffrey S. Maltz, 2412 Aberdeen Way #7, Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 24, 1996.

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Partners In Love, 24





## Specially for Seniors

By Mary Moorhead

Recently, I spent a pleasant Sunday at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) viewing the late paintings of abstract expressionist painter, Willem de Kooning. His

# Art exhibit displays co-existence of talent and brain impairment

works are vibrant with primary colors, rich tones of peach and blue, and elegant swirling lines. These works are striking and immediately appealing. They form a unique, coherent style and have roots in earlier paintings.

The paintings are remarkable because de Kooning completed them in his late 70s and early 80s, thus joining the ranks of renowned painters who have produced significant works in their late years including Monet and Picasso. Art historians have

introduced the idea of "altersstil" or late style to address issues common among artists who painted into their 80s and 90s. This is a largely unexplored area and art historians are hoping that rigorous study of de Kooning's paintings will shed further light on this subject.

Further, de Kooning's paintings are fascinating because he painted them after a decade of alcoholism and depression and during the early phases of brain impairment, probably

Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is an incurable, irreversible neurological disease which results in deterioration of all complex mental skills. It afflicts some 5 million persons nationwide. Over time, patients experience personality change, memory loss, and deterioration in judgment, concentration, abstract reasoning, speech, self-care and motor skills.

De Kooning produced his last works, some 288 paintings, between 1981 and 1987. Friends note he showed evidence of mental impairment by the late 1970s. Although forgetful and withdrawn in social situations, his disorientation, vagueness and uncommunicativeness disappeared as he painted. At the easel, he painted with vigor, often using the same theme throughout a series of paintings.

However he was assisted by a large group of supporters. Assistants removed a canvas when they felt it was finished and added a fresh one. A large group of friends, studio assistants and his ex-wife helped with the practical aspects of purchasing and preparing canvases, ordering, and mixing paint.

The book, "Willem de Kooning, the Late Paintings," describes disagreement amongst medical practitioners over the type of brain impairment suffered by de Kooning. Neurologists cannot agree on the diseased

mind's ability to retain skills and artistic ability. Dr. Harold Klawans of Chicago's St. Luke's Medical Center believes there is global deterioration of the brain and all mental abilities. Dr. Oliver Sacks, a neurologist famous for his understanding of extraordinary talent amidst impaired brain function, states the following:

"I have myself seen all sorts of skills (including artistic ones) preserved or largely preserved in the advanced stages of dementing diseases such as Alzheimer's. Indeed, I think this preservation, if not of artistic skill, at least of aesthetic and artistic feeling is fundamental. A colleague of mine specializes in this and has some remarkable paintings done by people with Alzheimer's so advanced that they were incapable of verbal expression. Style, neurologically, is the deepest part of one's being and may be

preserved almost to the last dementia."

The coexistence of artistic abilities and brain impairment is a complex subject. For those who wish to pursue it further, de Kooning, the Late Paintings may be purchased at the SFMOMA book store. Anthropologist on Mary Oliver Sacks is another interesting buy.

For families who wish to art activities for their impaired relatives, Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, sites, one in San Leandro 351-6622, and one in Berkeley 644-8292. Art is an important part of their full day program activities and care.

Mary B. Moorhead, an Elder Care Specialist, clients throughout the Bay Area. She can be reached at 510-444-4400.

## Alta Bates

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Presented by the Patient Resource Center & Psychosocial Services Department of the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center

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David Weinberg, MPA  
Thursday, March 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.,  
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#### NUTRITIONAL MEDICINE

Elsen Haas, MD  
Thursday, March 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.,  
\*Maffly Auditorium

The speakers are not affiliated with Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. They have been invited to share their expertise and perspectives with our community.

## Help for home improvement

ALAMEDA COUNTY — Does your home have leaky faucets, broken windows or faulty outlets? Do you need a new water heater, security door or security locks? The Alameda CES County Housing and Community Development Program (HCD) administers various housing repair programs for the city of Albany that may help.

Qualified homeowners can apply for grants to pay for minor home repair. For major home repairs including roof, gutters and downspouts, electrical sys-

tems, furnace replacement, repair, kitchen and bathroom and termite and dry rot repair program offers no- or low-cost assistance.

Additionally, an accessibility program is available for homeowners and tenants for ramps, and doors and faucets. For more information on home improvement assistance programs, call Alameda County Housing and Community Development at 5399.

## Grand Opening - new Berkeley location



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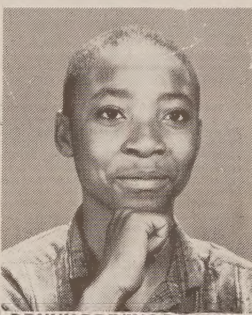
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## The Skier's Corner

### On the Skiline

Driving in the wintertime in our Sierra can be an interesting experience. On a recent weekend I went through the extremes, which are not that unusual, just from one day to the next. Driving up Friday night was a piece of cake. Saturday was sunny and warm with no wind. In fact, we even thought about riding bikes! Sunday, big snow storm - roads closed!

At times the weather in the Sierra can be as violent as anywhere in the world and if you're there and not fully prepared, the experience can be a nightmare. Your vehicle is the critical item and a four-wheel drive can make life a lot easier. If you don't have a four wheeler then you must have chains in your car and know how to put them on (about \$20) or take them off (about \$5) ... but you can run into major delays waiting in lines to have that done. And those services may be available at or near the point where "chains required" begins. There are normally two road controls:

chains or snow tires required, or chains required. Both conditions require four-wheel drive vehicles. There are cases where chains are required on four wheeled vehicles, but you don't want to be driving under such conditions.

When someone puts on your chains, that service guarantees. You may get five miles up the road and problems with the chains - with no help in sight. The chains can break or loosen and need tightening or replacement. At that point, you should know what to do and how to do it. What happens if you wake up one morning with snow on your car and chains are required? There's no help around.

Your car should be in good working order and an important will be ... windshield wipers, anti-freeze/water fluid, general tune-up, tire tread, etc. Carry a scraper, flashlight, ground cloth, etc ... especially if you have to travel with your chains. When you buy chains for your car it's a good idea to have a few extras things for chain repair. It's not difficult to deal with chains. The right stuff and know what to do. Try putting them on at home first. Better place to "practice" than I-80 at night in a storm!

One idea is to rent a four-wheel drive vehicle. There will be specials for \$50 - \$60 per day. This can save you a lot of headaches.



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